



Speech by

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LECKIE ROAD CONNECTION; AIRPORT MOTORWAY

Mr SANTORO (Clayfield—LP) (7.01 p.m.): I wish to talk tonight about the decision by the Beattie minority Labor Government not to proceed with the sale of land along the Leckie Road connection. My challenge to the honourable member for Chermside, who lives right smack bang on the Leckie Road connection, is to take up the challenge to the Minister for Main Roads and Minister for Transport and to be of assistance to the member for Clayfield as he fights again for the sale of the Leckie Road connection.

The honourable member for Chermside was very much part of the original decision by the now discredited Goss Labor Government to build an airport motorway through my electorate. Only because of me and the organisational and strenuous efforts of the local community was that proposal put aside and destroyed once and for all. We thought that it was once and for all destroyed when the coalition Government came to power and decided to sell that land as a result of a decision by the Minister—then the Honourable Vaughan Johnson, the member for Gregory and then Minister for Main Roads and Transport—and, of course, the Government as a whole.

During all of that battle, the honourable member for Chermside, who constantly chides me, has been singularly silent. He lives in the community through which that road is going to go. He goes to church, he has his friends, he has his Labor Party branch members, his supporters and his mates, yet he remains singularly silent. The honourable member for Chermside will do nothing again, and it will be up to me, as the local member of the electorate within which the honourable member for Chermside resides, to force this Government to abandon its dastardly decision to reverse the decision of the coalition Government to sell off that land.

I say to the honourable member for Chermside: save some of the reputation that you have lost amongst your friends, neighbours, party members, fellow church goers and all those people who expect from you some action and some resolve.

Time expired.
