



Speech by

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IRVINEBANK

Mr NELSON (Tablelands—ONP) (2.22 a.m.) I rise to speak on behalf of the people of the small community of Irvinebank, which is located in my electorate. They are endeavouring to get a decent road to their township, or at least to have the road that they use at the moment upgraded from a goat track to something that they can drive vehicles on without having them destroyed.

The community has made its own representations to the Minister in this regard. I seek not only advice but also some support from the Minister on this issue. The small community of Irvinebank has a population of around 180 and I must say that it is the only community in my electorate that voted predominantly for Labor at the last election. However, I say that they are asking for something that I do not really think is too much to ask, and that is access to a proper road so that they can get to the nearest town, Herberton, which is a good 30 kilometres away.

This is an issue of importance in my electorate, especially for the people of this small, isolated community. I bring this matter to the attention of the Minister and back up the letters that I know have been written to him about it. I ask him to give this issue his attention and try to bring it to some sort of conclusion as soon as possible.
