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Mr SULLIVAN (ChermSIDE—ALP) (12.03 a.m.): I rise to pay tribute to a number of residents from the Nundah/Wavell Heights area who have contributed over a number of years to the solution to the 40-year old problem that is the Nundah bottleneck. Because of the involvement of a number of residents and businesspeople in the area, the solution arrived at is much better than any proposals previously considered.

Initially, the local area consultative group formed the basis of the community input. When the process seemed to stall a bit, out of the Nundah Community Centre came a group called NOTION—Nundah's Options To Improve Our Neighbourhood. That group is still in existence, and earlier this week I had the pleasure of attending a meeting. The group has continually provided community input and the expertise of the local residents and businesspeople. Because of their experience over the years, the local people initially came up with the cut and cover option, which immediately received broad acceptance from the community. Over the past number of years the group has also contributed to the Main Roads Department and Department of Transport consultative processes to improve the design for the whole project.

Some of the aspects to which the members of the group applied their local knowledge include access to the library and Boyd Park, access to adjacent streets and access using adjacent streets. With knowledge of the movements of school students and families in attending the various schools on the top of the hill, of how the shopping processes worked and of where people wanted to move through the neighbourhood, the group was able to tell the planners exactly what was needed. The result, which will be seen in a few years' time, will to a large degree be the fruit of community input. I encourage the current and future Ministers for Transport to include the local community in major projects such as this, because the community will be better off and the Government will have a better solution to long-term problems.
