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TRANSPORT PLANNING

Mr BEANLAND (Indooroopilly—Labor Party) (7.27 p.m.): Traffic congestion has become a major issue in this city. In recent times many suburban streets have become clogged. It is very disappointing that the recently released Brisbane City plan did not contain a traffic plan. If one looks at the near-city suburbs, one can see the increased amount of traffic flowing through them as a result of the growth of the outer suburbs. In the electorate of the Indooroopilly, we are finding that on a daily basis, with the growth of the western suburbs and Ipswich, there are greater and greater numbers of vehicles travelling through those suburbs, and even on the minor suburban streets.

Recently, the Government made some changes to the former Government's Briztram light rail proposal for the city. Unfortunately, that proposal no longer takes in the University of Queensland. Although I can understand the reasons that the Government might want to do that, nothing has been put in place to overcome the traffic problems at the university. The proposed new light rail system does not go to the Gabba cricket ground or the University of Queensland. It will not go past two of the major traffic problem areas in the city.

In addition, we need interchange facilities at railway stations. For some time now, many people have believed that buses ought to be feeding into the rail system. I know that the council does not favour that idea. Nevertheless, the long-term benefits of that idea to this city would be immense. Unless we get on with the job of providing bus/rail interchange facilities, in the long term Brisbane's growth will not be sustained. People will not continue to come here in the numbers that they have in the past, because of our transport problems. One has only to look at what is happening at Coronation Drive and the widening—

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