



Speech by

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TRAFFIC PROBLEM, CAIRNS

Ms BOYLE (Cairns—ALP) (10.15 a.m.): It may come as a surprise to members of this House to learn that we have a serious traffic problem in the southern suburbs of Cairns. These suburbs are in the State seat of Mulgrave. Workers, and people who bring children into Cairns in the mornings, are confronted by a major problem which has come about through the rapid development of the southern parts of the city. These are tremendous suburbs which are now the homes of, particularly, young families.

However we may look at that problem, we must understand that members of the Federal Government are turning their heads and should be ashamed of the situation. The Federal seat of Leichhardt, held by Mr Entsch, covers the two State electorates involved. Despite strong and repeated representations by the State Minister for Transport, Steve Bredhauer, the best the Federal Government has been able to come up with—in Mr Entsch's second term—is a promise of funding in two years' time. In the meantime, the traffic jams are serious and represent an intrusion. This is neglect of an important area. This neglect should be recognised, particularly on a day when the member for Leichhardt is in the national press over his private business interests. It is a pity that the best he can do in his second term is get us funds which will be forthcoming in two years.

I share the concerns of the State Minister for Transport, the member for Mulgrave and the frustrated thousands of people who have to put up with this injustice every morning on their way to Cairns.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Ms BOYLE: I ask the member for Leichhardt to take proper action and represent the people of Mulgrave and Cairns who are in his electorate.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! When honourable members are making their two-minute statements they are entitled to be heard. We do not need the cross conversation from either side of the Chamber. It is a courtesy to honourable members to allow their speeches to be heard.
