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**DEPARTMENT OF MAIN ROADS**

**Mrs LAVARCH** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (7.20 p.m.): Tonight I am going to go out on a limb and give a bouquet to the Government department that everyone loves to hate: the Department of Main Roads. Since my election in May 1997, Bob Drew, the district director of the metropolitan region, and his team have, on every occasion I have sought their assistance on behalf of the electorate of Kurwongbah, responded positively. I feel my praise of their efforts is long overdue.

In the past 22 months, their efforts have ranged from attending a public meeting at my request and in their own time to hear first-hand the complaints and anger of the residents of Brendale and Warner over the undue delay in the upgrade of South Pine Road, then immediately acting to relieve some of the annoyances; to sitting down with the residents of Heatherlee Street and tailoring a noise barrier to suit their properties and needs; to meeting their promise to monitor the traffic flows out of the Brendale estate and giving me the information so that I could report back to the residents. Even though their investigation showed that the traffic flows do not at this stage warrant traffic lights, I have an undertaking that the situation will continue to be monitored, though I must say that the residents have reported back that the intersections are working well.

Their efforts also include listening to the needs of the elderly residents of Strathpine Village townhouses, who have to cross Gympie Road to visit the new medical centre. We now have signalled pedestrian crossings at the Gympie Road and South Pine Road intersection.

Their other efforts include taking on board complaints about the stretch of road from Kurwongbah bridge to Whiteside Road and monitoring traffic conditions as well as investigating individual intersections for possible improvements. The officers have investigated local concerns over the Brisbane-Woodford Road, including the removal of loose stones. While we have a massive task in the Pine Rivers Shire to truly address our traffic congestion, it is these immediate responses to requests that make it a little more bearable. Thank you, Main Roads.

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