



Speech by

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PALMWOODS BYPASS ROAD

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—IND) (10.06 a.m.): The Maroochy Shire Council is experiencing rapid population growth. These growing pains are placing a lot of pressure on current resources and, in an attempt to manage this growth, the council has prepared a draft planning scheme for the purpose of updating the current planning scheme which commenced in December 1985. I am informed that the council has received over 1,200 submissions. I understand that more than 30 of those submissions related to a proposed bypass road for Palmwoods. I am informed that the Maroochy Shire Council is currently considering the submissions received to the draft planning scheme and hopes to have the council's preferred planning scheme forwarded to the Minister for Local Government for consideration by 1 November this year.

One matter raised in the draft that has evoked a lot of concern and anguish in the community has been the proposed road for Palmwoods, described in the council's documents as a distributor road for Palmwoods. As a result of the anguish that the proposed road has created in the community, on 25 August this year the Maroochy Shire Council debated this matter and accordingly passed a resolution indicating that—

"Subject to consideration of all properly made submissions the council was unlikely to support the proposed Palmwoods bypass road and further investigation of it."

I now table a copy of that Maroochy Shire Council resolution.

The purpose of my address this morning is to draw to the attention of the Government and, in particular, the Minister for Local Government the fact that I support totally my constituents' concerns about the proposed Palmwoods bypass road and I support the removal of the proposed Palmwoods bypass road from the planning scheme. I table a copy of the proposed bypass road as referred to in the planning scheme, together with a copy of all the submissions that I have received from my constituents on this proposed road. I do not believe that the State Government has any interest in the proposed road and I urge the Minister for Local Government to support the removal of the proposed road from the planning scheme when it is submitted to him for consideration by the Maroochy Shire Council later this year.
