



Speech by

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HENDRA, TRANSPORT ROUTES

Mr SANTORO (Clayfield—LP) (7.08 p.m.): I rise to talk about an injustice that has been perpetrated on a certain section of my electorate, that is, several streets in Hendra, centring on Burilda Street. One morning a few months ago, residents woke up to find buses running through their streets. Those streets had not previously been on the bus route. When they made inquiries of the Brisbane City Council, they were told that, as a result of requests by local residents, extra public transport services were being provided through those streets.

Under FOI, the residents found that such requests were never made and that the changes to the public transport routes were implemented by the Brisbane City Council without any consultation whatsoever with the residents of Hendra. Not only were the transport routes changed to include very quiet streets that were previously safe for schoolchildren, elderly people and other residents to use, and that was done without consultation, but some of the new services were inferior to those that had been provided previously.

My constituents in the suburb of Hendra are demanding a genuine review of the decision that was made so that the changes that are brought about can be said to have resulted from genuine community input. I am very grateful to the Honourable Minister for Local Government, who has seen a deputation of concerned constituents. The Transport Minister does not want to know them and is fobbing the problem off to the Brisbane City Council. However, there is a clear moral obligation on the Brisbane City Council to review a decision that it made without any consultation whatsoever. It also needs to come clean and admit that it did not consult, rather than masquerading behind a lie that it did.

Time expired.
