



Speech by

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TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND ANOTHER ACT AMENDMENT BILL

Mr REEVES (Mansfield—ALP) (9.30 p.m.): I congratulate the minister and the department not only on this bill but on their great work. If one wants to see a prime example of the can-do Beattie Labor government, one needs only to look at the minister and the Department of Main Roads.

I am proud to represent the electorate of Mansfield, which is no doubt now the public transport epicentre of the Asia-Pacific rim. As the No. 1 ticket holder of the South East Busway, I have seen first-hand this public transport epicentre at work.

I wish now to talk about the e-toll which will be—as other members have said—a major benefit to the flow of traffic. What this means for my electorate is that there is yet another incentive for trucks to use the Logan Motorway—the southern bypass. This will result in positive benefits for the Mount Gravatt-Capalaba Road/Kessels Road corridor.

It was great to see in today's *Southern Star* that the federal member for Moreton, Gary Hardgrave—who will not be there for much longer—finally recognised the million-dollar study to look at the whole overall corridor. He has been telling people it is not needed, and coming up with lamebrain ideas. The study is the result of strong representation by me, the member for Archerfield, the member for Mount Gravatt and the member for Stretton to the minister, who took our cause to the federal body. Finally, there will be a study that, once and for all, will consider the overall picture of the Mount Gravatt-Capalaba Road/Kessels Road corridor.

This bill will have a positive effect on that road, because the traffic—and particularly trucks—using the southern bypass will flow much easier. It will give truck drivers the incentive not to use residential streets and, instead, to use the southern bypass. I congratulate the minister on this bill, and I encourage all members who have not used the South East Busway to have a go.

Mr Foley: The No. 1 ticket holder!

Mr REEVES: I am the No. 1 ticket holder. People can get onto the busway from the Myer Centre, go out to Garden City and Eight Mile Plains and see first-hand the electorate of Mansfield—the public transport epicentre of the Asia-Pacific rim.
