



Speech by

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### ROADWORKS, MAROOCHYDORE

**Miss SIMPSON** (Maroochydoore—NPA) (7.24 p.m.): I rise to speak on some significant issues concerning my electorate of Maroochydoore. It is a fast growing area. I know many members can get up in this House and mention how they have a great need for road infrastructure. This applies equally to the Sunshine Coast. This matter has been felt right across the area. The key regional centre, which has been identified as Maroochydoore, has felt the brunt of that.

I want to speak about two studies, one which is about to begin and another which is coming to the end of its timeframe. These studies are looking at the future roadwork needs of my electorate. I have been critical of the length of time it has taken for the Pacific Paradise road study to be completed. It is not yet finished but one of the last consultation phases is set to begin with some of the options going on display at the Maroochy Airport—otherwise known as the Sunshine Coast Airport—between 2 November and 16 November.

I urge local residents to look at this road option and have their say. It proposes a bypass option for the community of Pacific Paradise. It looks at how to reduce through traffic in that community while diverting traffic onto the Sunshine Motorway further north, and altering the configuration near the Twin Waters entrance due to the increase in development in that area. A lot of community concerns have been taken on board but this will be the last opportunity for people to have their say in regard to this plan.

I believe that the state government needs to do all it can to ensure that the recommendations that come out of this process, subject to the community's final consultation, are taken on board and put into the next road implementation plan as soon as possible. I refer there to next year's road implementation plan. I am concerned that this road study, which was agreed to by my colleague Vaughan Johnson when he was Minister for Transport and Main Roads, and which has been taken over by the current minister, has taken so long. I urge that the proposed roadworks are put into the future budgetary process.

The Sunshine Motorway 2032 study is about to begin. Once again I urge Sunshine Coast residents to be involved in the consultation process. This is about upgrading the interchanges in the road corridors and networks surrounding the Sunshine Motorway. It is about more than the motorway itself. It is about recognising the need for a secondary road network. This will be in consultation with the Maroochy Shire Council.

I am also flagging to the Mooloolaba community that we need Maroochy Shire Council to look at the long-term parking and planning in that area, particularly in regard to a possible park and ride facility being set aside near the motorway.