



Speech by

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## **INDOOROOPILLY ELECTORATE, BUS SERVICES**

**Mr LEE** (Indooroopilly—ALP) (9.21 pm): I have wonderful news not only for the good people of Indooroopilly but also for the other people of Brisbane's western suburbs. This wonderful state Labor government has not only refurbished the Indooroopilly Bus Station, which I will be opening in the next couple of weeks, and funded a railway station upgrade for Indooroopilly Railway Station but also—I am delighted to announce in this House—the government is going to fund an excellent new bus service for my electorate. Bus routes 440 and 441 from the city to my electorate and also beyond will become high-frequency 444 BUZ services between 6 am and 11.30 pm seven days per week. That means more flexibility not only for the residents of Indooroopilly, Taringa and Toowong but also for the residents of Chapel Hill, Moggill, Pullenvale and Pinjarra Hills.

This service is part of a \$1.98 million bus service boost funded by this Labor government for Brisbane's west. This means a BUZ service every eight to 10 minutes in peak times and every 15 minutes in off-peak times. It also means that there will be four times as many night-time and weekend services in my local community.

I think that it is worth asking: where were the Liberals during the time that I was lobbying to deliver this wonderful public transport upgrade for my electorate? Let me tell members where the Liberals were. The first thing they did during the recent state election campaign was advertise a transport forum in Indooroopilly with two very special guests: Dr Flegg, the member for Moggill and the Liberal leader, and also Mr Caltabiano. I remember the day well. It was a Sunday afternoon. The local residents were there in anticipation of the discussions that they would have with Dr Flegg and Mr Caltabiano, who would be seen together in the one room for the first time. What do members think happened at 2 pm? Where do members think Dr Flegg and Mr Caltabiano were? Neither of them were at Indooroopilly. Dr Flegg was on the Gold Coast and I think we all know where Mr Caltabiano spent most of his time during the election campaign. Neither of them attended. They advertised that they would be there and they simply did not show up. That sums up exactly where the Liberals are on issues of public transport. They just do not show up. Dr Flegg thought that he would make a public transport announcement the following week for Indooroopilly—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr English): Order! Please refer to the member by his title.

**Mr LEE:** The member for Moggill made an announcement. Later in that week he came to my electorate and announced that he would not just do some works at the Indooroopilly Railway Station; he would delay the works that I had already announced by a further six months. The member would put on hold the services that I had delivered—that the state government was going to deliver—for a further six months. What an absolutely stupid policy!