



Speech by

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WATER INFRASTRUCTURE; IPSWICH MOTORWAY

Ms PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (11.42 am): The Beattie government is responding quickly to the demand for water infrastructure in Queensland. Water infrastructure in south-east Queensland is moving ahead due to the commitment of a local company in the Inala electorate employing approximately 200 people. Tyco Water, based at Carole Park, is playing a significant role in the creation of the south-east Queensland water grid. Tyco Water manufactures the Sintakote pipe. The Sintakote steel pipeline system is considered to be one of the world's best water supply pipelines and is supplied in sizes up to 1.8 metres in diameter. It is recognised by the water industry as the 'premium corrosion protection system for steel water pipelines'. This company is also a Smart State showcase considering it is looking to expand its pipeline technology into the US market. Not only is Tyco Water delivering in Queensland; it has a history of satisfying the needs of the water industry in Australia.

I am proud that a company based in my electorate is providing pipes for four significant stages of the water grid. It will manufacture more than 17,000 tonnes of steel pipes to meet the demands of south-east Queensland. Most importantly, with growth comes jobs, and I am proud to report that Tyco is currently in the process of employing an additional 80 local people at Carole Park and upgrading its plant to operate its factory 24 hours a day. The pipeline is on track and the company is more than confident that the pipes will be delivered on time. Indeed, last year Tyco Water completed the 218-kilometre Burdekin to Moranbah pipeline in just 10 months.

A second issue that I would like to refer members to is the announcement that the Prime Minister made yesterday in relation to the proposed bypass of the Ipswich Motorway. This eight-kilometre stretch of proposed new road is to cost the federal government \$2.3 billion. For this kind of expenditure we would expect that all of the residents in the Ipswich corridor would benefit from this massive commitment. The proposed route will cross the Brisbane River not once, not twice, but four times. In fact, I am very surprised that the member for Moggill has left the chamber and has not even bothered to discuss this issue today in this debate on the matters of public interest as this significantly impacts upon his electorate.

I am concerned about the impact of the southern end of the bypass on two historic golf courses in my electorate—one at Wolston and the other at Gales. Both courses are heavily utilised by working men and women around Brisbane and Ipswich. The Wolston Park golf course continues to be one of the most affordable golf courses in south-east Queensland. This morning I was able to speak with the vice-president of the Wolston Park Golf Club, Ms Mary Byrne, who stated that players were bitterly disappointed with the federal government's decision. She said that the federal government never approached her golf club about any impacts—she had to pick up the phone and contact them. So much for consultation!

The club was established in the early 1950s to respond to the needs of working people and their families who are not catered for at any other golf club. The hospital employees started the club, and they received a lot of help from the Queensland Department of Health. Founding members intended to keep the club affordable. The Wolston Park golf course provides discounts to seniors and juniors, buggy rates to seniors at half price, and free ladies golf clinics are available to encourage women to take up the sport. I undertook my first lesson last month and will undertake my second lesson at Wolston this Sunday. Following this lesson, I will be available to discuss with other members of the golf club their reaction to the

federal government's proposal. Perhaps the member for Moggill might want to do the same in his electorate.

In relation to the Gales golf course, it too has a very interesting history. Founded by Dr Byam Ellerton in the early 1920s, a history of the golf course on its web site states that he was—

Forthright and dominant ... He did not tolerate opposition and any that arose was quickly annihilated. In this respect, no one was exempt, not even Premiers and Cabinet Ministers.

Perhaps he should have been in parliament. Dr Ellerton was determined to open a golf course at Gales. His desire to do so was based on his interest in occupational therapy. And remember that this was a very new science at the time. He was determined that the golf course would be at Gales and he pulled out all stops to ensure that it would open. The Gales golf course was opened by Premier Theodore on 9 August 1924. The Gales golf course hosted the prestigious Australian Open in 1955.

In conclusion, as the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Paul Lucas, said yesterday on radio, the federal government 'will get our full cooperation in relation to this but, as the Prime Minister indicated, that is unlikely that he could turn a sod until 2008'. Ipswich and Brisbane motorists will not see any improvements in the near future to the Ipswich Motorway. I would urge the federal government to show some compassion in relation to the two historic golf courses and ensure that the impact is minimal on the two sites and that working men and women can continue to enjoy their golf courses.

Time expired.