



Speech by

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KENILWORTH-EUMUNDI ROAD

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—Ind) (7.42 pm): It gives me a great deal of pleasure to rise to share with members a matter of real public concern in my electorate—the Kenilworth-Eumundi Road in the heart of the electorate of Nicklin. I spoke on this matter earlier in the sittings. There are competing users on this road. In one case it is a designated tourist route, route No. 22, and it is also a well-used heavy haulage route. I am aware of the money allocated in the budget for the road by the minister and that the minister is due to make an announcement regarding the road in the near future.

The main purpose for raising this matter again is to stress to government and council bureaucrats who sit on speed review committees and who give important advice to ministers and senior staff that in making those recommendations to the government they need to ensure that the ministers get the best possible advice to assist them to make the very important decisions that they make. This is very timely just after the budget debate has concluded.

In relation to the Kenilworth-Eumundi Road and the Moy Pocket Road, I urge the bureaucrats involved to consider the following: our repeated requests for reduction in speed limits; our request for the need to bring forward major maintenance works on the roads; and our request for the Kenilworth-Eumundi Road to be a pilot trial program in Queensland for the installation of the two fixed speed cameras which the minister has recently spoken about. What we propose is that one camera be installed at the start and one installed at the end of the road and that they be linked. We can guarantee that the police attendance on the road will be reduced significantly. The speed cameras will guarantee that if vehicles travel between point A and point B and they get there quicker than they should they will get a ticket in the mail.

The reason we believe that the road is an ideal road for a pilot trial program is the acknowledged competing users of that road. Recently, over 3,000 tonnes of material was transported from one of our quarries along the road. I understand it has the capacity to have that amount of material excavated on a regular basis.

I thank the minister for listening to my calls for help and his willingness to meet with me and discuss these matters on a regular basis. I look forward to his announcements next week. Hopefully we could become one of the pilot trial programs for the installation of these fixed speed cameras in Queensland—in the heart of the Sunshine Coast in the heart of the electorate of Nicklin.