



Speech by

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## **IPSWICH MOTORWAY**

**Ms NOLAN** (Ipswich—ALP) (10.28 am): Next month it will be six years since I stood in this place and, in my maiden speech, called on the federal government to upgrade what was even then the long overdue improvements to the Ipswich Motorway. At the time I said that the motorway was a disgrace. I described it as a potholed, ugly, dangerous, congested and slow road. With the exception of some temporary measures to fill in the potholes that existed at that time, since I made that speech the Ipswich Motorway has only become worse.

For six years the people of Ipswich have waited for the Howard government to stop ignoring them. For six years accidents have happened, the speed limits have been reduced, commuting times have blown out and lives have been lost. For six years the people of Ipswich have waited. Imagine their shock then when after years of patiently waiting the people of Ipswich found that the road proposed yesterday by the Howard government does not even connect the new bypass to Ipswich's main feeder, the Ipswich-Brisbane road.

Time expired.