



Speech by

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TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms SIMPSON (Maroochydore—LNP) (11.39 am): This Labor government has betrayed Queenslanders on a petrol tax. It has betrayed Queenslanders on privatisation. And who would ever believe those opposite about a congestion tax? They promised that they would not bring in a petrol tax. They promised that they would not sell Queensland Rail and privatise state assets. And they lied. They misled the people of Queensland.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr O'Brien): Order! Member for Maroochydore, resume your seat. Your language is unparliamentary and I ask you to withdraw.

Ms SIMPSON: I withdraw. The only thing Queenslanders can trust Labor on is that if they vote for Labor it is going to cost them dearly. I was going to table this document—it has been tabled—that shows that a congestion charge is in the government's plans. What we see from the government is that it says one thing and does another.

The government's transport planning documents as part of Connecting SEQ 2031 show two things: a congestion charge and delayed public transport infrastructure. Queensland motorists are already paying the highest costs of any motorists in Australia. Commuters in SEQ are also suffering from a government that has plans but no action. In 2016 the rail network in the middle of Brisbane is due to hit gridlock. Like a scene from the movie *Groundhog Day*, Labor keeps reannouncing feasibility plans, with no action—14 April 2005, 26 August 2007, 7 October 2008, 12 May 2009 and 19 November 2009. In the next few weeks we will see another announcement about a feasibility study and yet another expensive PR campaign. Labor has the PR; it just does not follow up with action.

We have seen delays on the Eastern Busway, the South East Busway and the rail line to Elanora, and CAMCOS is a project that this government has pushed out now to beyond 2031, according to this document. The government is failing to deliver on public transport infrastructure but it is putting the costs up. It says one thing and does another. Queenslanders can expect a congestion charge and more taxes under this government.

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