



Speech by

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CONNECTING SEQ 2031

Ms SIMPSON (Maroochydore—LNP) (11.35 am): Actions speak louder than words. Thus no-one believes the Premier when she promises a rail revolution after a decade of inaction and her broken promises on asset sales and petrol tax. Yesterday's release of Connecting SEQ 2031 should have been renamed 'Congesting SEQ 2031', as it was not accompanied with costings or time frames for delivery other than the projects it was delaying. On page 118, this document admits that the projects are not fully funded. Contrary to the statements of the transport minister, if you go to SEQIPP you will also find that those details have been stripped out. You can no longer find indicative delivery dates or in fact costs.

Let us look at the track record of this government. Fact: not one level crossing has been upgraded and removed in Brisbane in the last decade. This plan does not remedy this problem. In fact, we still have the Telegraph Road situation with the proposed urban development—broken boom gates and no plan from this government. The Greenbank-Flagstone study was announced today yet again. This has been promised before. Let me refer members to the 1997 IRTP and the 2008 industry statement, which I table.

Tabled paper: Copy of extracts of a Powerpoint presentation titled 'Salisbury-Beaudesert Rail Corridor Study (Stage 1 and 2)' [\[2869\]](#).

CAMCOS was due at Caloundra by 2015 and at Maroochydore by 2020. Under this plan, Maroochydore is now back beyond 2031. Gold Coast services also previously announced are back to 2031. But then there is the hypocrisy of the Premier with the so-called fast train. The tilt train already runs through the Sunshine Coast at steam train speed. That is on an 1880s alignment and that was due to be upgraded with the work to start two years ago, but it has been mothballed under this Premier and pushed back. The most serious, of course, is the cross-city rail, which has been delayed. It was announced in 2005—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Hoolihan): Order! The member's time has expired.

Ms SIMPSON: And still the feasibility has not been finished.