




Speech by

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M1 AND SOUTH EAST BUSWAY, UPGRADE

 **Ms STONE** (Springwood—ALP) (3.17 pm): I have spoken in this house on many occasions about the upgrade of the M1 from Eight Mile Plains to Loganholme. While I am very pleased to see the progress and construction underway of the \$430 million upgrade of the M1 at the Winnetts Road and Loganlea Road interchange, I am even more pleased to stand and inform the House of the announcement of \$70 million from the federal Labor government to be added to the \$70 million committed by the state government to upgrade the M1 Gateway merge at Eight Mile Plains. The RACQ, my community and many commuters have all been shouting for this upgrade and it will now become a reality due to the federal and state Labor governments working together.

Upgrading the M1 is only one part of the equation to battle congestion on the M1. The other part of the equation is public transport. So I am even more pleased to inform the House of the recent announcement of \$36 million to extend the South East Busway from Eight Mile Plains to Priestdale Road. This will mean buses from Rochedale and Rochedale South will access the busway without the need to use the Pacific or Gateway motorways. This will save travel time and provide more incentive for people to switch to the growing public transport network.

Another major announcement to encourage public transport in Logan is the construction of the \$9.6 million park-and-ride at Nujooloo and Loganlea roads, which will greatly benefit my constituents. This project is currently under construction and, when finished later this year, will provide 200 car-parking spaces; bicycle storage facilities; security cameras, lighting and 24-hour video surveillance; and, of course, the most popular of all, a kiss-and-ride drop-off zone. Kiss-and-ride drop-off zones in the Springwood electorate are very popular. So I am pleased that this bus station will also have a kiss-and-ride zone. It will provide a central hub for fast and frequent bus services, encouraging people to use public transport.

All of these projects are good news for the constituents of Springwood. But I would not be doing my job if I did not stand up in this place and say that there needs to be more. That is why I am supporting the Albert and Logan 'Fix the M1' campaign and highlighting the projects that I have spoken about.

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