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ADJOURNMENT

Toowoomba, Second Range Crossing

 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (9.17 pm): I rise to talk about my passion for my electorate of Toowoomba North and the most important thing we need at the moment. What we in fact need is a Tony Abbott led government in Canberra. Only Tony Abbott has committed to the second range crossing. The second range crossing is the single most important thing to everybody in Toowoomba and to a large proportion of Queensland as well because our productivity and wealth trundle down the range.

I wanted to remind people that it was actually three years ago today—it is the anniversary today—that Labor came together as a ragtag bunch of Labor, Greens and Independents. They clearly had no plan for Australia. They clearly had no plan for a second range crossing or for any infrastructure for Western Queensland and for the people of Toowoomba. I wanted to remind people that, if they live in Toowoomba, if they live along the Warrego or if they actually care about the productivity of Queensland and care about getting this great state going, this critical piece of infrastructure is needed.

We also need to ensure that we have a good vote in the Senate for a conservative government in Canberra. I wanted to remind people that, based on the preference deals that are out there at the moment, a vote for Family First is actually a vote for the Katter party, a vote for the Katter party is actually a vote for the Labor Party, a vote for the Palmer party is a vote for the Greens and a vote for the Greens is a vote for Labor. So the message is loud and clear to anybody who lives along the Warrego Highway, who lives in Western Queensland or who cares about the productivity of this great state: if you want to see infrastructure built, such as the second range crossing, then you need to vote twice for the LNP—once in the Senate and once in the House of Representatives—at the coming election.

We had several Senate candidates come and visit us in Toowoomba—Ian Macdonald, James McGrath, Matthew Canavan and Theresa Craig. They are all running for the Senate for the LNP. They have all been outspoken in the media about the second range crossing—how it is a priority for an Abbott government and how it is a priority for a Newman government. Strangely quiet has been Senator Claire Moore, Labor's candidate, who claims to be from Toowoomba. She has never once spoken out that I can find in support of the second range crossing for my community. So she does not care about Toowoomba, but anybody who does needs to make absolutely sure that on the 7th they vote for the LNP in the Senate and the House of Representatives.