




Speech By
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 **Ms BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (12.11 am): Tonight I rise to thank the wonderful members of the Mudgeeraba State Electorate Council and acknowledge all the work that they have done over the past nine years in supporting me as their representative and/or candidate for the state seat of Mudgeeraba.

It was great to catch up with all of you over the many months that I have been doorknocking throughout the electorate. It was a privilege to catch up with you in your own homes and share many conversations about the state of Queensland and the work that we as an LNP government and party have done to correct the many legacies left to us by the former Labor government. Many of you have experienced tragedies, illness and hospitalisation in your own personal lives, particularly over the past 12 months and yet you have continued to support me without question, and for that I truly thank you all.

Together we have been able to achieve fantastic things for the Mudgeeraba electorate since my election in March 2009. With the continued support of local LNP members, I have been able to secure almost \$750 million of investment into the Mudgeeraba electorate to address the issues which were long ignored. This includes the following: community and sporting groups, \$427,000; road and rail, nearly \$519 million; education—and I thank the minister who is in the chamber tonight—a \$14.7 million boost into my electorate; disabilities, \$4.6 million; sport and recreation, \$1.2 million; the arts, \$306,000; health, a whopping \$126 million into the Robina Hospital; the environment, \$8.5 million; and police and corrections, \$4.3 million.

In my maiden speech in 2009, I spoke about the issues that were of major concern to the residents of my electorate after eight long years of being disregarded by their local Labor member. Since I gave my maiden speech over five years ago, as I outlined in my budget reply speech earlier this year, I have worked to address every single issue which had been raised with me from roads and transport, to law and order and community safety, to health and education, to preserving the local environment.

Mudgeeraba locals have consistently seen tangible achievements which make their everyday lives easier, achievements which have seen Mudgeeraba transformed from a marginal Labor electorate from 2001 to 2009 to what it is today—one of the safest LNP seats in the state, held with a margin of 25.9 per cent. As members know, in 2012, while the state-wide swing was 13.7 per cent, the swing in Mudgeeraba was 22 per cent.

There is always more work to be done, and with the support of local LNP members I will continue to address the issues that concern Mudgeeraba residents the most. I will continue to fight against crime and anti-social behaviour. I will continue to fight for better opportunities for our local students in education. I will continue to fight for better health care. I will continue to fight for upgrades

to our roads. I will continue to fight for funding for community groups, disability services, sport and recreation organisations and arts groups. There is no limit to what we can continue to achieve for my electorate, and I very much look forward to contesting the state seat of Mudgeeraba for the LNP in 2015 and to continuing to work hard for locals in the years ahead.