



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Glass House Electorate**

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (2.40 pm): Since the election in January I have been working very hard with the 20-odd communities in the electorate of Glass House to establish a 'fighting for' list—a range of projects that the community, individuals in the community and I can work on together to deliver for the great electorate of Glass House to make our lives so much better in that part of the world. I want to spend the next couple of minutes addressing three issues in particular. The first is the Jubilee Drive and Palmwoods-Montville Road intersection. Members would be well aware that this is a very notorious intersection. It actually dives underneath the main north coast rail line. It is not of an appropriate height for trucks and there are often bridge strikes to the point where TMR invested quite considerable money in putting big steel barriers on either side of the bridge. But guess what? That has not provided a solution. This morning yet another truck tried to go under the bridge but got stuck and that ultimately led to a whole morning of chaos for the community of Palmwoods. I am not for one minute excusing the behaviour of drivers who fail to take notice of the appropriate signage saying that the bridge is a low bridge, but this is not only a bridge that trucks get stuck under which then causes road congestion and the railway line has to be shut down while checking the bridge; it also gets flooded every time there is significant rainfall despite the efforts of councils to do some improvements around drainage. This area is basically unsafe as the main sporting facilities are down Jubilee Drive and parents are trying to get back out on to Palmwoods-Montville Road. Regular representations to TMR basically come back saying that the ultimate solution is the rail duplication. We know that, under this mob, that is not going to happen any time soon, so I plead with TMR: think outside the box. Look at the problem we have here. Please help us to come up with a solution that we can achieve in the very near future to make this intersection so much safer for the community of Palmwoods, Woombye, Montville and beyond.

The two other issues I want to touch on involve petitions that are currently underway. The first is for flashing school zone lights at Peachester State School. Again, it is on the main drag between Beerwah and Kilcoy. A lot of tourists are not aware that it is actually a 40 zone until they get pulled over by our men in blue. I thank Margie Jennings from the Peachester State School P&C for promoting this petition and I would encourage all Peachester locals and many tourists to sign it. The other issue is the speed limit as you come out of Woodford towards Kilcoy. We are seeking to move a 100-kilometre speed zone 300 metres down the road to the other side of the Mary Street intersection. I thank Mr Brenton Kelly for his support. We doorknocked the other week around Mary Street and got hundreds of signatures. It would be great to have—

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