




Speech By
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Maryborough Electorate, Roadworks

 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (10.07 pm): I rise tonight to talk about the good work the Palaszczuk government is doing in the electorate of Maryborough when it comes to roadworks. I would particularly like to thank the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply. For 18 years our road network has been absolutely forgotten. In the 14 months of the Palaszczuk government I will run through what has been done and is being done in my electorate. I am so proud to be part of the Palaszczuk—

Mr Crandon interjected.

Mr SAUNDERS: I will take that interjection. We have had 18 years of conservative rule in the Maryborough electorate. We have had 18 years of members sitting on their backsides and doing nothing. They advocated nothing under a good Labor government.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SAUNDERS: I will not take any more interjections. I do not like taking interjections. I will get on and talk about the good work—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Furner): Order! Pause the clock. Members on my left please allow the member to continue in silence.

Mr SAUNDERS: It really pains these people when they hear the facts of what is happening in the electorate under the Palaszczuk government. We are restoring services.

Let me tell members about the roadworks in the electorate at the moment. The Tinana interchange has been funded with the federal government. We have stumped up the rest of the money to continue with it. The Torbanlea causeway, promised but never funded by the previous government, has been funded by the Palaszczuk Labor government. Traffic light are being installed at St Helens school. Some 8,000 cars go past that school a day. They were promised but never funded. They have been funded by the Palaszczuk Labor government. The Urraween Road-Maryborough Hervey Bay Road intersection upgrade was funded by the Palaszczuk Labor government. It is one of the busiest intersections in Queensland.

Mr Seeney: Pork-barrelling.

Mr SAUNDERS: No. It is called hard work from the local member. It is called hard work and lobbying. I take the interjection from the member for Callide. As I said, I offered to teach the member

for Hervey Bay how to become a local member. He could come to my office and learn how to lobby the ministers to get funding for his electorate.

I will continue to talk about the roadworks that we have funded in the electorate since the Palaszczuk government has come to power. This government is delivering on services and improving the road network in my electorate. I am so proud to be part of the government. I could keep going all night about the road infrastructure that we have had and that we are getting.

The Yarrilee intersection will have a \$26 million upgrade. It was promised by the previous government when they were first elected. We saw no money. Wild ducks we call them in the racing game—they never settle. We waited and waited for those roadworks to be done. I would like to thank the minister. On behalf of my electorate and the people who come to my office every day, I say thank you because the road network in the Maryborough electorate is finally being restored and brought up to standard by a Palaszczuk Labor government who promised to deliver services to the community. We are delivering in my electorate to the community.