




Speech By
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M1 Motorway

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (10.24 am): It has been seven weeks since the M1 delegation, consisting of the mayors of Logan city and the Gold Coast, the RACQ, the CCIQ, the Queensland Trucking Association and me as the Minister for Main Roads wrote to the Prime Minister requesting a meeting to talk about the M1, to get it funded, to get the jobs going and to get the traffic flowing. What do we have? Still we have not had the meeting. The Prime Minister and Minister Fletcher were in Queensland for the LNP convention, but they did not want to talk about the M1. They were happy to talk to the LNP political party convention, but they did not want to talk about the M1 and get things going.

However, Minister Fletcher did have time to write an opinion piece that was quite enlightening. The fact that he wrote it before agreeing to a meeting is a sad indictment on priorities. Let us look at the opinion piece, in which Minister Fletcher attempted to verbal me by saying—

According to Mark we have reneged on a policy that the Federal Government will always provide 80:20 funding for country roads.

Never in my life have I called the M1 a 'country road'. It shows that Sydney based Minister Fletcher has no idea what he is talking about if he calls the M1 a 'country road'.

He said that Minister Bailey 'has not been able to point to any document which lays out such a principle'. I have from the federal government's website, and I will table it, a document from no less than Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss dated 11 December 2014, that states—

The Australian government has reintroduced the traditional 80:20 funding split for new road and rail projects on the national network outside metropolitan areas.

I will table that document and draw the attention of the federal minister to it. I will also table again the map from the federal government's own website outlining the National Land Transport Network, which includes the M1.

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 11 December 2014, by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, Hon. Warren Truss, titled '2014: Building the infrastructure Australia needs' [[1429](#)].

Tabled paper: Map, titled 'National Land Transport Network Road Corridors—Queensland' [[1430](#)].

Federal government documents do exist. They are produced by his own government. He only needs to look at his own website.

All we want is for the M1 to be funded just as it is across the border in New South Wales. In New South Wales the same road gets an 80:20 funding split, but the federal government is offering us only 50 per cent. They are trying to rip off Queensland with a discounted rate. I will not stand for it and this

government will not stand for it. Across the border, the stretch of road from Woolgoolga to Ballina is getting \$3 billion at an 80:20 split, but the Gold Coast gets only 50 per cent. It is a disgrace. They should stop ripping off Gold Coast residents and Logan residents, cough up the money and get those projects going on the M1.

(Time expired)