




Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY

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PETITIONS

Motion to Take Note

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (11.41 am): It is interesting that the previous speaker finished before her allotted time—not a lot to say there really. I am very pleased to speak to this petition. I thank all the petitioners for signing it. This is a significant issue on the Gold Coast. There is no doubt about that. Why is it a significant issue? Because for three years we had a record majority government with every Gold Coast seat and what did they do for the M1? Absolutely zero. The member for Currumbin was a member of the cabinet and delivered nothing for the M1 in three years, with the biggest majority in Queensland political history. That is why these people are petitioning this place.

Mrs STUCKEY: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The minister is misleading the House. I find his words offensive and I ask him to withdraw.

Dr Miles: Because they are accurate.

Mrs STUCKEY: No, they are not.

Mr BAILEY: It is a debating point.

Mrs STUCKEY: In 2012 we put in a submission and you know it. It is on the record.

Mr BAILEY: Madam Deputy Speaker, I seek your guidance. Which part of it is not factual according to the member?

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! I ask the minister whether there was a personal reference to the member.

Mr BAILEY: There was no personal reference. It was all about her record as a cabinet minister.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I ask the minister to withdraw.

Mr BAILEY: I withdraw. We heard the member for Currumbin attack me personally a number of times. I let her roll with that. I will talk about her record—

Mrs Stuckey interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! This is not a playground. I ask the minister to continue.

Mr BAILEY: Someone has a thin skin in this place; that is for sure. Maybe that is why she had a 15 per cent swing against her in her seat at the last election because the member for Currumbin did nothing on the M1 for three years despite not just being the member but also being a cabinet minister. I would be embarrassed if I were her.

Mrs STUCKEY: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I find the minister's words untrue and offensive in saying that I did nothing. I ask him to withdraw.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I ask the minister to withdraw.

Mr BAILEY: I withdraw. We saw absolutely no result from the Newman government in three years—no result. The last upgrade of the M1 was by the previous Bligh Labor government down to Worongary. That is the last significant investment in the M1. This government has \$86 million on the table. That is our commitment. We want a fair deal with the federal government. The member for Currumbin should be standing up for the Gold Coast instead of the LNP protecting her mates in Canberra. That is what she should be doing—standing up for the Gold Coast instead of taking the party line. That is what Gold Coast residents are sick of. They are sick of being sold out by the LNP. They have 10 members on the Gold Coast—the toothless 10. That is who they are. They have a shameful record. They cannot deliver for the Gold Coast. They did not deliver for the Gold Coast. It is left to the Palaszczuk government to deal with this issue and to clean up the mess.

We have \$86 million on the table. We have made our point with the federal government. We are working with them for an outcome on the M1. I am confident that our record will be a lot stronger in terms of getting the M1 upgraded after three years of inaction with a record majority. I would be embarrassed if I were the member for Currumbin, the member for Burleigh, the member for Surfers Paradise, the member for Broadwater, the member for Albert, the member for Mudgeeraba or the member for Mermaid Beach, because their record on the Gold Coast was indolent, lazy and ineffective.

The facts of the matter are that we put the revised business case for the merge and the Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes projects into Infrastructure Australia in March 2016—one year after being elected. We did not muck around. We got it in. We put our money on the table in the last budget—our 20 per cent. It is part of the national land transport network. We made our point clear that we think the M1 should be funded just the same way that the M1 is funded across the border in New South Wales, where it is funded 80-20. In fact, at Banora Point it was funded 96 per cent by the federal government. We want a fair deal for the M1.

We have certainly invested in the M1. We got exit 54 going after three years of inaction by the Newman government. It is now completed. We have \$160 million going into Gold Coast roads as part of the Commonwealth Games package. Our record on the M1 is very strong. If we look at the Bligh government and federal Labor government commitments there—the LNP talk big about the Gold Coast but it is always Labor that actually delivers. Look at the evidence. Whether it is the Gold Coast University Hospital; the light rail stage 1; the two stadiums; the Commonwealth Games, which is a huge boost to the Gold Coast; the duplication of the heavy rail from Helensvale to Coomera; or the light rail stage 2, the majority of which was funded by the Palaszczuk government, it is always the Palaszczuk government and Labor that does the heavy lifting on the Gold Coast—always.

We will deliver on the M1. I say to all the petitioners: thank you for your interest. We will continue to work to get an appropriate and strong outcome for the M1 and the Gold Coast. We need outcomes and we need dollars allocated to this, not submissions. The member for Currumbin talked a lot about submissions. They do a lot of submissions. That is all very nice but Gold Coast people want outcomes. For three years they did nothing. They did not deliver. It was left to us to pick up the pieces and deliver for the Gold Coast residents.

(Time expired)