




Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY

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MOTION: VEHICLE REGISTRATION

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (5.49 pm): This is a government committed to roads in Queensland. Our record is very clear. We had two record QTRIPs in the first two budgets of the Palaszczuk government. Compare that to the record of the opposition. The LNP ratted on regional roads when they were in government. They cut \$600 million from roads—\$200 million every year under the member for Clayfield's treasurership. They ratted on regional roads. The mayors were lined up at our early meetings of local government in this term complaining about how badly local governments were treated by the Newman government and by Tim Nicholls when treasurer. How dare they come in here and talk about roads when their record is so bad!

The member for Indooroopilly was spending \$30 million of taxpayer funds not on roads but on secretly preparing branches of Transport and Main Roads for outsourcing and privatisation. That is what their policy was—cuts. That is the only LNP policy we will ever get—cuts, cuts and more cuts. That is exactly what they will do to the roads budget in this state if they get another chance. The whole premise of this motion is code for cuts. That is what they stand for. That is what the member for Clayfield and the member for Indooroopilly will do if they ever get the chance again. Look at the record of the Palaszczuk government. Did the LNP fund any upgrades on the M1?

Government members: No.

Mr BAILEY: No. Did they fund any upgrades to the Ipswich Motorway?

Government members: No.

Mr BAILEY: No. Did they do the Gregory Developmental Road?

Government members: No.

Mr BAILEY: No. Did they do the Cape River Bridge?

Government members: No.

Mr BAILEY: Did they do anything for western roads specifically?

Government members: No.

Mr BAILEY: No. Did they cut TIDS funding? Yes, they did. Compare that to our policy on the Urraween intersection. The member for Maryborough has got that going after three years of inaction by the LNP. I just had a meeting with mayors from the Wide Bay-Burnett region and they complimented me and this government on getting the bridge done at Monto-Mount Perry Road. If we want roads, we have to pay for them. We cannot pay for them with this magic pudding policy from the LNP. They are trying to re-establish their credentials on cost of living after 43 per cent electricity prices and after putting up public transport fares 7½ per cent virtually every year. They do not remind us about that; that is for sure. Queenslanders remember what they were like when it comes to cost of living. They remember it all too well.

What are we talking about here? We are talking about a dollar a month to get a much bigger road program right across Queensland to make up for three years of cuts by Tim Nicholls and Scott Emerson. That is what this motion is about. It is that time of the year when they come up with the same old motion, the same old policy, misrepresenting, firstly, what our election commitment was. Our election commitment was that we would not introduce new taxes beyond those already in the budget settings. Where was the 3½ per cent in terms of the Queensland government budget papers? It was in the Newman government's last budget.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Miss Barton): Order! Treasurer, if you would like to have a conversation across the chamber you might like to take it outside rather than stopping your colleague from being heard. The minister has the call.

Mr BAILEY: Where did it first appear in Queensland government documents? It appeared in the last budget and the last midyear economic statement by the member for Clayfield. It is an LNP policy which they would like to forget. They are trying to forget. They are trying to push on and mislead people, but it is there in black and white. On table 18 of page 25 of the LNP's last midyear economic review from the then treasurer, the current member for Clayfield, it is in the foreword. It is also in the foreword of his last budget. That is where this came from. This is a magic pudding policy from the LNP. They say they are for infrastructure but they will not tell us how they will fund it. We know what their policy will be: cuts, cuts and more cuts. That is the only way they have of going about this. That is how they will go about it. They will do it again. They cannot be trusted.

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