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## ADJOURNMENT

### Glass House Electorate, Roadworks

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (7.00 pm): Several weeks ago I was informed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads that the roadworks on the D'Aguilar Highway at Woodford were to be suspended indefinitely until the weather is warm enough to lay the final seal on the works. This is truly bizarre for a number of reasons. Firstly, whilst it might be winter we are at the end of winter, and it is a Queensland winter at that. A T-shirt and shorts are appropriate attire for Queensland's winter, even for one such as we are experiencing now. I appreciate that some road surface technologies have failed this winter, but that is a hard sell to constituents who are watching resurfacing occur each and every night on the Bruce Highway and elsewhere in the electorate. The second reason this announcement is completely unacceptable is because, had the project been done properly in the first place, they should have been finished long before winter arrived.

Whilst I am grateful for the regular updates that Transport and Main Roads have provided and understand that sometimes unavoidable issues arise, I must stand with my residents in Woodford, D'Aguilar and Delaneys Creek on this matter. They are absolutely fed up and they deserve better. If it was not so serious it would almost be comical. I have been told that a technician is going to drive that stretch of roadworks every day with a thermometer to test whether or not the temperature is acceptable for work to recommence. What an enormous waste of time and taxpayers' dollars.

Sadly, since day one on this project Woodford commuters have experienced delays and inconvenience, and that has continued for over a year now. We are talking about a short overtaking lane and some ancillary turning lanes, for goodness sake! My constituents should not have to tolerate a substandard road for that long, let alone for who knows exactly how much longer. There is still so much to do: sealing the road; widening the intersection opposite Chambers Road; and installing additional road lighting, signage, landscaping and line markings. I have been given absolutely no indication as to when all of this is expected to be completed, and that is simply not good enough. When the roadworks are finally completed I will be calling for a full investigation into why this project has been a disaster from day one.

In the time remaining please allow me to also acknowledge that yesterday I tabled a petition in this House with 295 signatures to finally resurface the D'Aguilar Highway between Woodford and Kilcoy. The patchwork efforts over the last several years of this Labor government are simply not acceptable. It needs to be done properly, and it needs to be done now.