



## Speech By Mark Robinson

## MEMBER FOR OODGEROO

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## ADJOURNMENT

## **State Election**

**Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.13 pm): This election is a referendum on the member for South Brisbane's economic performance in recent years. She has told the Premier she is not going anywhere, and we know that if Labor is returned she wants the top job. This election is a choice between new and higher taxes and budget blowouts under former treasurer Trad and Labor and no new taxes, and in South-East Queensland a \$1 billion jobs-creating, traffic congestion-busting construction program under a Frecklington LNP government.

In my region, Redlands coast residents will benefit from a big and bold \$100 million duplication of the Cleveland Redland Bay Road. This is the biggest road infrastructure program in our region in decades. It means our residents will spend less time stuck in traffic and more time with their families and friends. As we recover from COVID, the LNP's South-East Queensland road building program will create jobs and stimulate the local economy. The LNP is investing after decades of Labor neglect. Anything that Labor might have done has been little and late.

It was great to stand with LNP leader Deb Frecklington and the LNP's Redlands candidate Henry Pike at the Thornlands skate park for this historic announcement of \$100 million for Redlands' roads. Henry Pike will make an excellent member of parliament, and his election is critical to ensuring that a bad Labor government is consigned to history. An LNP government will resurrect the Eastern Busway project, committing \$5 million to a study to get this project out of a Labor induced coma and back on track. At the 2017 election Labor promised to upgrade five intersections between Coorparoo and Capalaba as part of the smaller scale transitway. Mr Deputy Speaker, three years on do you know how many intersections have been upgraded between Coorparoo and Capalaba? The answer is none—a big zero. Labor talks but does not deliver.

Prior to COVID Queensland had the nation's highest unemployment, most bankruptcies and lowest business confidence. After two terms of Labor it is clear they have failed. The LNP has an ambitious plan to stimulate the economy—in large part through traffic congestion-busting construction— create a decade of secure jobs, and drag Queensland out of this recession. Our vision is to make Queensland the economic powerhouse it used to be, but there is one threat to the \$100 million Redlands coast road infrastructure spend and Eastern Busway.

Independent candidates can talk a big game but do not deliver. Only an LNP government will deliver. Labor-backed GetUp! candidates dressed in Zali Steggall aqua and yellow masquerading as independents fool no-one. A vote for an independent this election is a vote for four more years of hard Labor ultimately led by the member for South Brisbane.