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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Mountain Creek, Noise Barrier

 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (2.32 pm): People who live in Glenfields have suffered for too long. They have suffered with the incessant drone of traffic noise rising from the Sunshine Motorway, punctuated by sirens and hoons for far too long. They have suffered because their calls for assistance continue to fall on the state government's deaf ears.

This week a petition with the signatures of 633 Glenfields locals was presented to the parliament. The petition, which has galvanised our community, called on the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to install noise abatement barriers along the Sunshine Motorway from Abelia Place to Glenfields Boulevard to mitigate the high level of traffic noise.

It is a cry for help from local residents who simply cannot enjoy their own homes. Local resident Joyce Lambert has invited Minister Mark Bailey to come and see firsthand what local residents have to deal with every day. In inviting the minister to come up, Joyce said, 'Have a look and listen. Have a drink with us and see what it's like to sit outside in the summer—because we cannot, because it is just too noisy and we can't hear anyone speaking.'

I am pleased that the state government have finally come to the party and have committed to upgrading the Mooloolah River Interchange—something that the LNP has been fighting for since before I came into parliament in 2017. Upgrading the Mooloolah River Interchange will benefit the entire Sunshine Coast community, who, like clockwork each day, must deal with congestion and the regular serious accidents that arise on this poorly designed and inadequate stretch of road. I am, however, concerned that, in designing upgrades to the Mooloolah River Interchange, the government will not pay sufficient attention to the impact on Glenfields residents who will bear the brunt during construction and after completion when traffic volumes and associated noise will only increase.

As the state government undertake detailed design for the Mooloolah River Interchange, it is time for them to listen to locals and build a noise attenuation barrier before major works start. It is time for the state government to build the infrastructure that we need to support our rapidly growing Sunshine Coast population but also to ensure that local residents do not continue to suffer as a consequence of a lack of investment and planning.

Minister Bailey's response to earlier media reports in relation to this issue has been disappointing and I expected better. I have previously praised Minister Bailey's approach when dealing with upgrades to the Sugar Road-Mooloolaba Road intersection. In that example, Minister Bailey listened to my requests to work productively for the good of Sunshine Coast residents. He came out and inspected the site with TMR staff, which I appreciated and which has resulted in the government committing \$15 million to resolve those very issues. That is how government should work.

I again ask Minister Bailey to listen to the voices of Glenfields residents. Work with me in a bipartisan and constructive manner to address the concerns of locals like Joyce Lambert. If the minister would like to take Joyce up on her offer to come out and have a drink with her, I would be more than happy to join him. We can discuss how together we can get on with the job of reducing the impact of road noise for all Mountain Creek residents.