



Speech By  
**Michael Hart**


**MEMBER FOR BURLEIGH**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### M1, Flood Mitigation

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (6.25 pm): Seriously, Mr Deputy Speaker. I want to talk about something serious. Earlier this year there was flooding in my electorate. Quite a bit of rain fell. It was not unprecedented rain, as this government would tell honourable members. It was just a lot of rain. There were houses that flooded—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr HART:** This is serious. It is about people's houses flooding and I want to talk about it. This happened in my electorate. This is my adjournment speech. I want to talk about those people—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Martin): Order, members!

**Mr HART:**—because their homes have been affected by the flooding that occurred earlier this year.

**Ms Grace** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for McConnel! We will hear the member for Burleigh's adjournment speech in silence.

**Mr HART:** Thanks for your protection, Mr Deputy Speaker. A lot of houses flooded that had never flooded before. Some people who had had slight flooding previously suffered an adverse flooding event and they are blaming it on the works on the M1. They are saying that the M1 works acted like a dam because Tallebudgera Creek was choked and the culvert overflow into the Tallebudgera canal system was made smaller and was full of rubble at the time.

Those people have gotten together and they have been ably represented by Scott and Jude Johnson who have written to the Minister for Transport and the Premier. They have asked for meetings. In fact, Scott wrote to the Minister for Transport. He said—

I was informed by your office that you "do not take calls and do not respond personally to emails" ...

Seriously, what is this guy being paid for?

**Ms Grace:** That's rubbish and you know it.

**Mr HART:** I will table those emails for the benefit of the doubting members opposite.

*Tabled paper:* Bundle of emails from individuals to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Hon. Mark Bailey, regarding the Tallebudgera Creek flooding in February 2022 [1269](#).

I will table a whole series of photos that show that the creek has been choked and the culverts have been reduced and the flooding effect that had on these people.

*Tabled paper:* Bundle of photographs depicting the February/March 2022 flooding of the Tallebudgera Creek [1270](#).

In fact, in the last few days Judy wrote to the minister. She said—

Your complete lack of interest in our communities issues is quite frankly staggering.

You have refused us access to the requested documentation that we as tax payers are entitled to review.

This is despite applications via the Freedom of Information ...

When will this be available to us?

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I appeal to your duties and responsibilities to take the time to listen to our communities and assist us in finding the appropriate solutions.

I table the email.

*Tabled paper:* Email, dated 22 August 2022, from Judy Johnson to the Premier and Minister for the Olympics, Hon. Anastacia Palaszcuk, and the Minister for Transport Minister and Main Roads, Hon. Mark Bailey, regarding the M1 upgrade [1271](#).

They have been told by the minister that he will not have a meeting with them. How can the Premier say people do not need a lobbyist to have a meeting, yet nobody can get a meeting with this minister or the Premier?