




Speech By
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 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (6.22 pm): Whether you catch the bus, ride a bike, drive or walk, Pumicestone residents deserve the very best local transport options. It is only a 12-minute drive from Banksia Beach to Woorim, but it takes local high school student Maddy an hour on the bus to get to her part-time job on the weekend. Since COVID, local shortages mean that older people who maybe cannot walk as far as their local bus stop often also cannot book a taxi. Now I am asking residents of Bribie, Sandstone Point, Beachmere, Ningi, Donnybrook, Toorbul and Meldale to speak up about their local transport issues in our new transport study. Whether you would like an on-demand bus service to take you where you need to be or just better bike paths, our Bribie and surrounds transport study is the first step. Please have your say and I will keep working hard to make our public transport and local transport in Pumicestone the best that it can be.

From better public transport to getting chemo in our satellite hospital, I am focusing on what really matters to people in Pumicestone, and that is why it has been very disappointing to see the desperate LNP scare campaigns that have set out to scam Bribie locals. Our government has repeatedly ruled out desalination on Bribie Island, but the LNP keeps wasting taxpayers' money by shoving its lies down our throats and into our newspapers and our mailboxes.

Mrs GERBER: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member for Pumicestone just used some unparliamentary language in her contribution. I ask for your ruling on it and ask her to withdraw that unparliamentary language.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Bush): Member, I did not hear it, but if you did use unparliamentary language I ask that you withdraw that.

Ms KING: I withdraw. Instead, I perhaps should have said that the LNP is shoving its mistruths down the throats of the people of Bribie Island. It is very disappointing. We only ever see the LNP in Pumicestone when it turns up to scare and hurt our community. Take the member for Glass House: he spends more time in Pumicestone on Bribie Island than he does in his own electorate, and he goes there to spread misinformation rather than stand up for the things that matter for the people in Maleny. He had egg on his face today when it turned out that it was the LNP that promised a 125-megalitre desalination plant on Bribie Island. The LNP said that it would do it if the science stacked up.

The LNP does not respect people in Pumicestone. It just blows in to run its scare campaigns, it talks down our community and then it blows out again. We have seen it time and time again. The LNP is not fighting for our fair share of funding for Bribie Island Road. It did not campaign to get chemo in our satellite hospital so that sick locals can get treatment closer to home. The LNP is not working to improve our public transport or build our next Bribie Island bridge. It just shows up to attack our satellite hospital, spread its mistruths and tries to scam locals into voting for it. I am proud to come home to our beautiful community and work alongside it for an even better Pumicestone.

While I am on my feet, I want to offer my congratulations to our Bribie Island High and ACC Moreton graduates who are finishing up with high school today. We are so proud of you.