




Speech By
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 **Ms LEAHY** (Warrego—LNP) (4.44 pm): We hear a lot about fighting for Queensland, but today a number of the mayors were actually left on the tarmac. Here we had the Deputy Premier leading all these mayors down to Canberra but, unfortunately, they had to attend by virtual means.

An opposition member interjected.

Ms LEAHY: I take the interjection. I do not know how the Deputy Premier got there, but I know a number of mayors are very disappointed that they could not go in person. They could not get there; they were left on the tarmac. We hear a lot from Labor about cuts, but what about the cuts that federal Labor are making to road funding in Queensland? Projects that will not receive Australian funding at this time like the Beenleigh commuter car park in Beenleigh—

Mr Lister interjected.

Ms LEAHY: I take the interjection—the Emu Swamp Dam at Stanthorpe. The federal Labor Party have said that they do not think that project demonstrates merit or national strategic rationale. Tell that to the people of Stanthorpe and Warwick who ran out of water. What about the High Road and Easterly Street at Waterford upgrade? What about the Kenmore roundabout in the western suburbs of Brisbane that has been cut by the federal Labor Party? What about the Mooloolah River Interchange upgrade; the New England Highway upgrade at Cabariah; the Nicklin Way and Third Avenue connection at Caloundra—I wonder what the member for Caloundra has to say about that; the Tennant Creek to Townsville corridor upgrade; the Dingo Park Road intersection upgrade; or the inland Bruce Highway?

Mr Saunders: It's still there.

Ms LEAHY: Only just! They talk about flood resilience for the inland Bruce. It is pretty clear that a number of people have not driven that inland Bruce when you look at the flood resilience in the Thallon to Mungindi section. You can do everything in the north, but when it comes to flood proofing that road, there is a lot of work to do.

When we look at what Brisbane City Council have been through with this Labor government in relation to the Metro busway, we find that they had something like 276 meetings with the state government. Adrian Schinner had to put the contracts on hold because the state government was delaying this project. Brisbane City Council had to have 276 meetings to try to get that project underway, because the state government kept making changes. They want to come into this place and talk about cuts, but they do not want to talk about how they have cost the Brisbane City Council more money. Members want to come into this House and talk about public servants. I think they should have a think about what happened with the Goss government under the Gulag. There was vindictiveness—people had phone calls in the dead of the night. Hundreds of public servants were sacked.

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