




Speech By
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MOTION

Infrastructure

 **Mrs GERBER** (Currumbin—LNP) (4.51 pm): If this state Labor government wants to move ridiculous motions like this, talking about savage cuts, let's talk about Labor's savage cuts in the electorate of Currumbin. It has a growing population and this state Labor government promised at the 2020 election to upgrade the intersection of Bienvenue Drive and Currumbin Creek Road. They stood on that intersection and they waved signs saying, 'We will fix this intersection.' They promised the funding, but now that funding is on the chopping block and it is going to be cut by the federal government.

I wrote to the Minister for Transport and, in fact, in October I asked a question on notice to the Minister for Transport. I asked him why construction on the promised upgrade did not start when it was promised. It was promised to start two years ago. The promise was made in 2020. Construction was meant to start before 2022. Because construction did not start, the funding is being pulled. This lazy state government cannot deliver projects on budget and on time. What did the minister tell me when I asked him whether they will commit to upgrading this intersection if the funding is cut and why construction was not started? The minister did not answer the question. More disgracefully for my community, he did not promise to upgrade the intersection—just left it hanging.

Mr Watts: A broken promise.

Mrs GERBER: An absolute broken promise to my community. Let's listen to what some Currumbin Waters residents have said about this state government's broken promise to upgrade the intersection. John from Currumbin Waters wrote to me saying—

As a local resident who has to negotiate this intersection daily, this response indicates to me there is a lack of vision in alleviating the congestion that is occurring on a daily basis on Currumbin Creek road these days. We have already been waiting over three years for the current plan to be delivered.

It is absolutely disgraceful. Michael from Currumbin Waters wrote to me saying—

I know you aware, Laura, Currumbin Waters has become an absolute nightmare for traffic.

We need this upgrade and it is disgraceful that this state Labor government is not delivering it. I started a petition in my community regarding this intersection. I letterboxed it and I spoke to locals all around that intersection. I want to table that petition today because this is an upgrade that my community want to see delivered. They want to see it delivered. I have the petition here right now. I will table it for the benefit of the House.

Tabled paper: Nonconforming petition regarding the upgrade of an intersection in Currumbin [1896](#).

It is absolutely disgraceful that this government has lied to us. You cannot trust the Palaszczuk Labor government to deliver infrastructure in this state.