




Speech By
Linus Power

MEMBER FOR LOGAN

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TRANSPORT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Report, Motion to Take Note

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (3.50 pm): In the famous words of the member for Clayfield, I was not going to speak on this but I had to stand to correct—

Mr NICHOLLS: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. If he is going to plagiarise me, at least he should have the courtesy to—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Lui): There is no point of order.

Mr POWER: After that extraordinarily misleading statement from the member for Clayfield I felt duty-bound to stand up.

Mr NICHOLLS: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence at the comments made by the member for Logan and I ask that he withdraw.

Mr POWER: I withdraw. What we did learn from that speech was extraordinary. We do know that the member for Clayfield was the treasurer who made enormous cuts to the roads budget. I know personally about the Mount Lindesay Highway. He slashed, he cut, he pruned. He slashed, he cut—

Mr NICHOLLS: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence and I ask that he withdraw.

Mr POWER: I withdraw. We have also learned from the member for Clayfield's speech that there was nothing in QTRIP for the four years after the LNP was in power. They had no plans to build the Sumners Road overpass—nothing at all.

One thing I will tell you is that the now member for Mount Ommaney—between being a candidate before and being a candidate again—was persistent in advocating and fighting for it. Every time I met her she would say, 'Linus, do you know about the Sumners Road overpass?' I am sure the minister for main roads was saying, 'Please, can you stop about the Sumners Road overpass?'

She was advocating again and again, despite the fact we knew the LNP had no plans to do it. How do we know this? Because on the very day we announced when the Premier went out there—I believe it was a sitting day—Tarnya was in such a state that she had to quickly race around to make a matching announcement.

They were following along with the hard work of the current member for Mount Ommaney. How do we know this? The member for Clayfield's speech was amazing because it revealed that the member for Clayfield did not even know the name of the former member for Mount Ommaney, whereas the current mains road minister was going, 'Jess, please leave me alone. Stop hassling me,' because she was persistent in her advocacy. The current member for Mount Ommaney is the greatest advocate for roads and transport connections. I hope to be half as good at hassling the minister for main roads about the Mount Lindesay Highway and other roads in Logan. I have to set the record straight because we cannot let the cuts that the member for Clayfield made to our roads budget be left unmentioned.

Mr NICHOLLS: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Again I take personal offence to the comments made by the member for Logan and ask that he withdraw.

Mr POWER: I withdraw.