



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Second M1, Delays

 **Mr O'CONNOR** (Bonney—LNP) (6.12 pm): It is almost six years since I was elected to this place and in that time we have heard the state government make a lot of promises about the second M1, and more than half a decade later we are still years away from driving on just the completed first stage of the road. I have lost count of how many times I have raised the issue of congestion in this parliament—it is something that so many of the people I represent go through at all times of the day every single day—and of how many questions I have asked in parliament to try to get some basic information about this project for the people I represent. Right now we are living with the worst of both worlds. We both do not have this vital project to relieve congestion to provide us with another local road to drive on instead of a National Highway but we—

**Mr BAILEY:** Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. This is the project that was blocked by the opposition—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Ms Bush): That is not a point of order, member for Miller.

**Mr O'CONNOR:** Just sticking with the facts, we both do not have this project to relieve congestion and do not have any detail about what this road will look like. The people in Arundel Springs, everyone on the western fringe of Parkwood and the residents of the Surrounds part of Helensvale want to know what this road will look like in their area. They especially want to know whether the sound barriers will be adequate and whether everything possible is being done to mitigate the impacts of this project. For the residents of the Surrounds in particular, they want to know what local access they will have to the light and heavy rail stations and to the Westfield shops. They want to know when Buckler Drive will be duplicated and how the people who have made a home closest to the road on Citron Crescent and in the new town houses will be protected.

It has been more than half a decade and we still have no details. This has been pushed back and pushed back by the transport minister and his department. Most recently we were told the details for the stage 1 central construction package would be available by the end of this year. Last month I asked about this in question on notice No. 1126 and we found out that the design has still not been completed. We did find out that the brand new bridge at Sage Street will have to be ripped up and lengthened to actually fit the Coomera Connector in—a ridiculous situation—

**Mr BAILEY:** Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member is alleging something that is not factual. That is a decision that has not been made—

**Mrs GERBER:** Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

**Mr BAILEY:**—and he should be honest with the House.

**Mrs GERBER:** Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER:** I will just deal with the first point of order. Member for Currumbin, I will ask that you take a seat. Member for Miller, there is a process for dealing with that. I think that is a frivolous point of order and you will be warned if it occurs again. Member for Currumbin?

**Mrs GERBER:** Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. You have dealt with my point of order.

**Mr O'CONNOR:** It is in the minister's own question on notice. It will have to be ripped up and lengthened to fit in with the Coomera Connector which means the transport department has not been talking to the council or the developer. Time is running out and we still have no details. I call on the minister to stick to his commitment and have these details released by the end of the year. We must know what this road will look like and we need pop-up consultations with residents to have local feedback. Under Labor the second M1 is going to be fewer lanes than we were promised, it is going to have a lower speed limit and it is well over budget and long overdue. The Gold Coast deserves much better.