



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Everton Electorate, Traffic Congestion**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (7.00 pm): The north-west of Brisbane has a traffic congestion issue. Residents in my electorate are sick of traffic gridlock. They want to get to work quicker and they want to get home quicker. One of the solutions to easing that gridlock is to use a passage of land called the north-west corridor—a section of land that has been there for decades.

The Labor government, which has been in control of the transport department for 30 of the last 35 years, has made empty promises over the years—starting back with Paul Lucas—and still that tract of land remains vacant. Because of the lack of leadership by the Minister for Transport and the Labor government in general and letting this land sit there, the Brisbane City Council decided they needed to do something. They went to the federal government and got funding to do a study. That study has come out and has recommended a tunnel.

Since then the Minister for Transport has come out and panned that proposal because it—

**A government member** interjected.

**Mr MANDER:** I will take that interjection. Infrastructure Australia did because the Brisbane City Council did not consider a surface solution. Why did they not do that? The residents of the north-west suburbs alongside that corridor will not accept a surface solution. Had they acted 30 years ago that would have been fine. Because of their delay and inaction an ecosystem has developed along that corridor. As well, residents do not want their peace disrupted. The transport minister will not accept that. He has bagged that. Why? Because he wants a surface option considered. In his ABC interview he said—

**Mr BAILEY:** I rise to a point of order, Madam Deputy Speaker. I take personal offence at that comment and I ask that it be withdrawn.

**Mr MANDER:** I withdraw. The transport minister said in an ABC Radio interview that an idea would be a train link on the surface.

**Mr BAILEY:** I rise to a point of order, Madam Deputy Speaker. I take personal offence and I ask that that be withdrawn.

**Mr MANDER:** I withdraw. I know why he is so sensitive about this. I am wondering what the member for Aspley is thinking. I want the member for Aspley to come out and rule out a surface solution for the north-west corridor because the only solution is a tunnel. They will not come out and do it. We are going to tell the residents of Aspley that you want a surface solution, that you want a highway—

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Ms Lui): Member for Everton, direct all comment through the chair.

**Mr MANDER:** I take that direction.

**Mr MELLISH:** I rise to a point of order, Madam Deputy Speaker. I take personal offence.

**Mr MANDER:** I withdraw. Here is the test. Let the transport minister and the member for Aspley come out and make a public statement that the only solution for the north-west corridor is a tunnel that has a highway and railway through it. That is the only acceptable solution.

*(Time expired)*