



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR WARREGO**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENTS**

**Warrego Highway**

 **Ms LEAHY** (Warrego—LNP) (2.19 pm): I heard this morning from the transport and main roads minister that he is happy to talk to opposition members. Talk he might, but write and correspond he does not. I have corresponded over 35 times to the minister since his appointment to his portfolio regarding the Warrego Highway. I have had no response from him or from his office. Obviously, he does not check his emails.

This minister and the Miles Labor government have given up on the Warrego Highway and bridges. I wrote to the minister in January this year about the oversize overmass restrictions on the Bremer River Bridge on the Warrego Highway. I have corresponded a further six times—no response. I wrote to the minister in January asking when the government will address the dangerous condition and safety issues of the Warrego Highway between Dalby and Warra. The severe cracks in the surface are dangerous and a safety hazard to all road users. I corresponded another 10 times and there was no response from the minister.

I wrote in January to the minister about the need for passing lanes on the Warrego Highway between Miles and Roma due to the high traffic volumes that utilise this section of the highway. I corresponded another six times to this minister—no response. I wrote in January to the minister in relation to the culverts causing stormwater to back up in the town of Amby on the Warrego Highway. I corresponded another six times—no response. I wrote on behalf of constituents regarding the speed camera on the Bungil Creek Bridge at Roma in January this year. I corresponded a further six times. We have been waiting 11 weeks for a response.

This Miles Labor government has given up on the bridges, the passing lanes, the flooding and safety concerns on the Warrego Highway. Over 35 times I have written to this minister. Clearly, he is not across his brief when it comes to roads and the correspondence in his office. I did not think we could get a worse minister than the member for Miller but, true to form, the Labor Party has managed to find one. Perhaps if the minister spent less time sending calendars with the wrong dates on them to his electorate, Queenslanders would not be risking their lives driving on dangerous roads. I will table the letters for the minister's attention. Queenslanders deserve better than this Labor government.

*Tabled paper:* Bundle of letters from the member for Warrego, Ms Ann Leahy MP, to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services, Hon. Bart Mellish, regarding road works [433](#).