




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Maryborough Electorate

 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (2.28 pm): I rise to talk about the fantastic things that are happening in the Maryborough electorate, which, of course, are because of the great Labor government in Queensland. Those opposite talk about showing Labor the door but, as a lady said to me at the shopping centre in Maryborough, 'If we show you the door, we are going to be poor.' They know what will happen—a slave under Dave. They have lived through the LNP cuts.

I have public servants and health workers coming to me saying that they will not vote LNP and that they would rather cut their hands off than vote LNP. That is what they are telling me. I know how they feel. I was there when they brought my city to its knees.

An opposition member: I'll have a double scoop, please.

Mr SAUNDERS: Double scoop—I will take that interjection.

A government member: It will be an awful flavour.

Mr SAUNDERS: It will be an awful flavour if it is an LNP flavour. It will be bitter, it will be old, it will be a sad scoop. We can imagine their gelato. It would be an embarrassment.

We have some great things happening in the Maryborough electorate. The transport minister said today that the shadow minister for transport is the worst shadow minister for transport in the history of this parliament. He was in the Maryborough electorate and at Hervey Bay talking about the Burrum Heads-Pialba Road intersection upgrade, which has started.

There are other things happening. There is the Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road upgrade. The rural fire training centre will be built at the old TAFE site. Manufacturing Skills Queensland will be located at the old TAFE site. There are also hospital upgrades and road upgrades happening. What do we have in Maryborough that those opposite exported? They exported the building of trains. They could not get a local candidate; they had to get trains built in India. We are building trains at Torbanlea, 25 kilometres up the road from Maryborough in the Maryborough electorate. We are building trains. We are bringing jobs back to the Fraser Coast and Wide Bay.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SAUNDERS: Listen to those opposite. They are a rabble. They are in the cheap seats. They are all sitting there cackling like old magpies and prattling on.

Dr Rowan interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Member for Moggill, you were interjecting then. You can leave the chamber for one hour.

Whereupon the honourable member for Moggill withdrew from the chamber at 2.31 pm.

Mr Boothman interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are warned under the standing orders. Try to act with a bit of dignity in this House, please.

Mr SAUNDERS: I completely missed that with all the talk from the rabble over there. The Labor government has delivered in spades for the Fraser Coast—for Maryborough and Hervey Bay. Members should see the difference in Maryborough city. Those opposite can promise what they like, but they know that the LNP's vote in Maryborough will be below what it was in 2020. It has tanked. People know that if they show us the door, Maryborough is going to be poor.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I clarify that I warned the member for Theodore. I felt that the behaviour was quite disrespectful to the chair.