




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Brisbane City Council, Election

 **Mr BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (2.54 pm): In a month's time we will have the Brisbane City Council election where the people of Brisbane have a choice between a tired and stale 20-year-old LNP council led by a career politician who want to be in there for a quarter of a century but who have nothing to offer but cuts—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr BAILEY: I hear interjections from the cutters in the LNP; they are consistent—versus a fresh and on-the-front-foot Tracey Price led Labor team. She is a candidate who has run small businesses—her legal firm and her sewing business. She has real-life experience versus the career politician that is Lord Mayor Schrinner—a lord mayor who did not even keep his promises last time. Do members remember the five green bridges? Three of them are gone. Why would anyone believe election promises from Lord Mayor Schrinner this time when he did not keep them from four years ago? We have seen, for the third election in a row, promises around the big bendy bus Metro, and where is it? It is nowhere to be seen. That is three elections, eight years and nothing to show. Not only that, they are actually scheduled to run on the existing South East Busway and 120 metres of tunnel. All Metro big bendy buses are overseas made.

Congestion has never been worse in Brisbane and yet Lord Mayor Schrinner is saying 'Keep Brisbane moving'. How out of touch can that be? It reminds me of Sallyanne Atkinson's slogan of 'Keep Brisbane shining'—and then there was an 18 per cent swing and she was gone. For 20 years an LNP council has been spending millions on propaganda and self-promotion but not on local roads in the suburbs. That is their record. They are financially mismanaging the biggest council in the country. Only three months after their budget was brought down they announced massive cuts. We need the half-price bus fares that Tracey Price is promising. We need increased bus frequency. We need better connections to active transport. We need the suburbs to be respected and invested in. That is what Tracey Price and a Labor team will do. They will invest in a billion dollar congestion fund to get Brisbane moving, get them out of gridlock. What a great job Shane Warren is doing in Holland Park with his Tarragindi traffic plan.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member, table that.

Mr BAILEY: I table that.

Tabled paper: Flyer titled 'Shane Warren Labor for Holland Park: Tarragindi Traffic Plan' [210](#).

Here is someone who cares about Tarragindi. He has a plan for Tarragindi and will not ignore it like Deputy Mayor Krista Adams has done for so long.