




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

M1 Motorway

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (8.41 pm): What an absolute gift it is to follow the member for Coomera! What we saw in the Newman government was that not a single dollar was spent on the M1 in three whole years—not one dollar. There were no upgrades to exit 41, no upgrades to exit 45, no upgrades to exit 49.

Mr Crandon interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): Order! Member for Coomera.

Mr BAILEY: We saw them block the Coomera Connector and the second M1—

Mr Crandon: You've had the money since 2019 for exit 49.

Mr BAILEY: We hear the cheap squealing—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Coomera, you made the contribution before the member for Miller. You have referenced him many times. The member is not taking interjections. I will ask that he be heard without being interrupted or you will be warned.

Mr BAILEY: They had three years with the largest majority in Australian political history. What happened on the M1? Zero, nothing! This is the sound of the LNP acting on the M1 under the Newman government—nothing, zero.

Mr Head interjected.

Mr Stevens interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Callide and member for Mermaid Beach.

Mr BAILEY: I am happy to follow the member for Coomera any day because he had three years to act and did nothing for the M1, did nothing on the second M1 and had a zero record. That is why his record—

Mr Head interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Callide, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr BAILEY: That is why his majority has dropped from 70 down to 51.

Mr Crandon interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Coomera, you are also warned under the standing orders. If there are further interjections you will be removed from the chamber.

Mr Zanow interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Who said that?

Mr Zanow: Me.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are warned as well.

Mr BAILEY: I will put up my record on the M1 versus that of the member for Coomera any day of the week. The people of those areas have benefited from billions in investment because of my role as the Minister for Transport and Main Roads. That is because I understand what the M1 means, unlike the LNP. I now move on to the substance of my speech.

The difference between the LNP and the Labor Party has never been more stark. Look at the key issues. On choice, it was this government that legislated choice for women in Queensland; it was opposed by most of the LNP MPs sitting in the chamber tonight. A fair share in terms of progressive taxation for cost-of-living relief and for our hospital rebuilding program from multinational mining companies was brought in by this government; we know it would go under the LNP. Cross River Rail was cut by the LNP when in government and it would have been cut again in 2017. It is being built by this government. Light rail on the Gold Coast was built by Labor and opposed by the LNP. On the Sunshine Coast direct line, the LNP did nothing in the federal government or in the state government; it is being built by federal and state Labor governments working together to connect the Sunshine Coast to the South-East Queensland rail network. Voluntary assisted dying would not have happened if not for Labor; it was opposed by the majority of the LNP. Renewable energy is rising from four per cent to 27 per cent because of Labor; it was opposed by the LNP. Public ownership of power assets was legislated under Labor; it was opposed by the LNP. A transition plan—under Labor, not the LNP. We have opened 29 schools; six were closed by the LNP. There is a vast difference between Labor and the LNP.

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