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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

LNP Candidate for Hervey Bay

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (2.56 pm): I spent time up at Hervey Bay with the shadow cabinet last week and I took the opportunity to spend time with our wonderful LNP candidate for Hervey Bay, David Lee. One of the pet projects of the candidate is the Maryborough Hervey Bay Road and Pialba Burrum Heads Road intersection. This is something that I have had a keen eye on for the last couple of years. Every visit to Hervey Bay, we go and have a look to get a status update. When I was there, I did a TV interview with David Lee, our fabulous LNP candidate for Hervey Bay, and the only thing we knew that had progressed was the actual height of the grass. However, there is a really good update I need to share with the House. About 24 hours after I was last there, the grass was mowed. That is a great thing for Hervey Bay.

What a disgrace that we have a key bit of infrastructure which is stuck in the slow lane. In fact, it was embarrassing. When we were there to do the TV interview at about 9.15 in the morning during peak hour, the cars were so backed up that they were forced to go around the road. It was recorded on the TV cameras, and even the cameramen could not believe what was going on.

The reality is that the current member has been completely MIA—missing in action. If it were not for the efforts of David Lee to keep this project visible—with the lack of progress that is occurring—there would be nothing happening. The simple reality is that about three years ago, the current member and the adjoining member for Maryborough, to much fanfare on Facebook posts, announced the fact that this was going to be an absolute game changer for Hervey Bay. Between the current two members, there has been no progress whatsoever—with the exception of the Rover or the Victa getting a good work-out to cut the grass.

Mr Saunders interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Bush): Order! Member for Maryborough!

Mr MINNIKIN: It is a complete disgrace. Is it any wonder that the people of Hervey Bay—

Mr Saunders interjected.

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

Mr MINNIKIN: The member for Maryborough and the current member for Hervey Bay have been completely missing in action. All they like to do is stand up in front of the media with great fanfare and say, 'Here's what's going to happen.' Absolutely nothing has happened. That is why David Lee, our LNP candidate, is absolutely powering ahead in Hervey Bay.