



Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Springwood Electorate, Transport Infrastructure

 **Hon. MC de BRENNI** (Springwood—ALP) (9.07 pm): I have been elected to this place to fight for a fair go for our community. I am fighting because the community that I represent deserves safe and reliable transport infrastructure, yet once again the LNP government is putting politics before people when it comes to completing the M1, the South East Busway and the Veloway.

Last week the RACQ released its latest Fatal and Serious Crash Dashboard on behalf of its 1.7 million members. The RACQ has said that this road is often the most complained about in Queensland. On the stretch between Daisy Hill and the Logan Motorway, crashes are more than an inconvenience, and the numbers are alarming. Here is the RACQ's staggering data, which I table.

Tabled paper: Document, dated 2019-23, titled 'RACQ—State Electorate Fatal and Serious Crash Dashboard' [1166](#).

The LNP inaction comes at a staggering social cost of more than \$60 million annually to our community and billions across the state. That is not abstract data; that is local families torn apart and livelihoods lost. Communities are paying the price every single day.

In parliament, I asked the LNP Minister for Transport about this very section of the M1. His own response confirmed what we already know: this corridor is one of the worst bottlenecks in Queensland—traffic volumes are well above capacity and travel times are blowing out.

A government member interjected.

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Speaker, this is an important issue. I am not taking the interjections from those opposite. Safety outcomes are heading in the wrong direction because of their inaction. The facts are there in black and white, signed off by the minister himself, yet when he finally fronted the media when he came to our park-and-ride in Rochedale did he mention it? Did he say when work would start on this project? No, he did not. He did not say a single word about the next stage of the upgrade.

There was not one mention of the billion dollars of taxpayers' money sitting in their budget. There was zero recognition of the lives lost. He did not mention one word about the massive cost to our community. That is not respect for taxpayers' money; that is contempt. The truth is that every day the LNP delays, you pay. The RACQ says our communities pay. They in fact pay \$164,383 per day for the LNP's inaction. We cannot afford that, our community cannot afford that and local lives matter.