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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Macalister Electorate, Road Infrastructure**

 **Ms McMAHON** (Macalister—ALP) (2.47 pm): I rise today to alert the House and the minister that we are having issues on the M1 with lighting. I know that there are many other members here who are experiencing massive blackout patches across their important transport infrastructure. For us in Logan, it extends from Daisy Hill all the way through to Beenleigh. That is half of the M1 through Logan that is in complete darkness. I understand that parts of the M1 are three or four lanes. It is generally a fairly straight road there. If cars have their headlights on there are generally not too many problems. At the moment the M1 and Logan Motorway interchange is out. That is where two major road infrastructure pieces converge.

I met with Transport and Main Roads last year, and they advised that this particular intersection will be the first cab off the rank in Queensland to have the wiring changed to aluminium. That is a great initiative. Hopefully when that is in place it will change the issue that we have with copper theft. I was advised that that work would start in the new year. It is March and it has not started, so I am not sure what that means for everything else.

I want to draw the attention of members to not just the M1 but to our major exit in Macalister which is exit 34. In Beenleigh we like to pride ourselves on doing roundabouts just a little bit differently. We do not believe in those little normal four-point roundabouts. No, we do five- and six-point roundabouts. It is basically just to keep visitors out. What that means though is that at night anyone trying to exit at exit 34 is in for a nightmare because we have different directional arrows and lanes that really go where they should not go. That is what we are used to, but it means that traffic is coming under intense dangerous interactions as we have had vehicles going the wrong way around a roundabout. This is dangerous.

I have been told by TMR that there is no temporary lighting solution for this and that there is currently no money in the budget to fix these lights. Maybe in the budget this year there might be some money, but as of now Beenleigh will be in blackout for the foreseeable future. Compare this to when exit 35 went out a couple of years back due to a big weather incident over Christmas. We had temporary lighting up within months and we had the whole thing fixed within six months. Lighting was out due to weather which was then further complicated by copper theft, but we got on with it and we did the job because we know that full funding of road infrastructure makes sure that we are reducing road trauma. That has big implications for community. We want Logan lit up!