



Speech by

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CLEVELAND ELECTORATE

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (11.44 am): The transport concerns of Queenslanders have been sidelined for far too long now by this Labor government. Those concerns are present and real, yet this Labor government continues to be inactive in its duty to provide important transport services and infrastructure to Brisbane and the Cleveland community. Firstly, a major concern is the continuing failure of the Cleveland rail line. A simple thunderstorm now brings the entire Cleveland line to its knees by causing track signals to fail, and this happens very regularly. This problem shuts down the Cleveland electorate's major transport corridor and hinders my constituents from accessing necessary services when they are really needed. The failure of the Cleveland line is a constant and ever-present hindrance to those in my electorate who rely on the train line. It is the constant inaction of this Labor government that continues to astound my constituents, who want a solution to this issue. There is a visible lack of commitment on the simplest of issues affecting the network and the Cleveland line. Simple steps can be taken to change the current failure, but time and time again the government fails to deliver. There is a need for the line between the Manly Railway Station and the Cleveland Railway Station to be duplicated ultimately to grow capacity on the line to meet future demand in the rapidly growing Redlands area.

Secondly, I wish to bring to the attention of the government the need for action on the roundabout at the intersection of Shore and Wellington streets in my electorate. That roundabout continues to be a source of frustration for the commuters in my electorate. Simply signalling the intersection would address the issues of congestion and safety.

Thirdly, the Redland City Council has announced its intention to begin charging Redlanders for parking at ferry terminals in the Redlands. It seems that the council intends to roll out charging for parking throughout the Redlands, which would affect people in Cleveland, particularly those people who use Toondah Harbour, and that includes the residents of North Stradbroke Island and tourists who want to continue to have open access to free local parking. I continue to be concerned about this government's failure in terms of transport and roads.

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