



Speech By  
**Jann Stuckey**

**MEMBER FOR CURRUMBIN**

---

Record of Proceedings, 28 October 2015

## ADJOURNMENT

### Currumbin Electorate, Survey

 **Mrs STUCKEY** (Currumbin—LNP) (11.14 pm): Tonight I update the House on the results of an electorate-wide survey I recently conducted across Currumbin in which constituents were encouraged to have their say about what they feel is most needed in our special part of the world. Direct mailing the whole electorate is an expensive exercise, and I am ever mindful of spending my allowance wisely; therefore, I undertake this exercise just once each term.

In the past my surveys have received a healthy response, and this time was no different with almost 3,000 households sending in comments and completed surveys, giving me an up-to-the-minute snapshot of their priorities and key issues. From this information—which, I might add, takes a couple of hundred hours to enter into our database—I am able to service their concerns directly and advocate on their behalf in the parliament.

Over 60 per cent of southern Gold Coast residents scored law and order as their highest priority, saying that this Labor government needs to do more to tackle crime. They have been even more concerned since the Attorney-General directed a task force to repeal and review the Criminal Organisation Act 2009, specifically targeting the tough anti-criminal bikie gang laws brought in by the LNP. It was made very clear to me that residents do not want these laws watered down, with 91 per cent of respondents against it.

Like many Gold Coast electorates, Currumbin has experienced considerable growth causing traffic congestion, highlighting the urgent need for better transport infrastructure and services. Labor neglected road and rail infrastructure during their successive terms in government, so it is not surprising that more than half of the respondents would like to see the heavy rail built as a matter of priority from Varsity Lakes to the Coolangatta airport. Following closely behind was the call for the M1 between Worongary and Tugun to be widened. Half a billion dollars was promised for southern Gold Coast M1 improvements in 2007, but Kevin Rudd stole the money and spent it on federal Labor seats for the north.

Congestion is crippling us, and poor connectivity to and from our airport portrays a negative first impression to visitors. As a premier tourism destination and host to the 2018 Commonwealth Games, it beggars belief that this government does not care how we are perceived. Some six million passengers already pass through our airport, and thousands upon thousands will come for the games internationally and domestically via Sydney, yet the only focus has been extending light rail in northern suburbs. I am not wasting any opportunity to raise these concerns on behalf of my constituents, having canvassed them at the recent SKAL and Creek to Creek chamber breakfasts at the Currumbin RSL, along with letters to the federal member for McPherson and our Prime Minister. As the proud state member for Currumbin for over a decade, I have worked hard to ensure that my electorate gets its fair share so it may continue to flourish as the tight-knit and well-connected community that I know and love.