




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Moggill Electorate, Traffic Congestion

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.24 pm): It is certainly a great privilege to represent the electorate of Moggill, particularly now that I am into my second term. The two issues I want to raise today that are consistently brought up with me by local residents are urban overdevelopment and the resultant traffic congestion. The question that needs to be asked is: why is this occurring? It is a consequence of the Palaszczuk Labor government's flawed South East Queensland Regional Plan, which is not in the interests of my local residents and, more broadly, people across the western suburbs of Brisbane.

In fairness, there are a number of aspects of the shared governmental jurisdictional responsibilities for urban development and planning that are in need of review, particularly with respect to public consultation, right of community objection by those residents who are materially affected by developments, adequate assessment of environmental or ambiance aspects of foreshadowed developments and the resultant impacts from an infrastructure perspective when developments are approved.

All of this overdevelopment is increasing traffic congestion on Moggill Road. What the Moggill electorate needs—and, more broadly, across the western suburbs of Brisbane—is an integrated road and public transport plan which is fit for purpose for the 21st century. This needs the cooperation of all levels of government—local, state and federal—with some big strategic thinking to come up with solutions to ease traffic congestion. We know there is an increase in population out at Springfield. We know that the Centenary Motorway is under significant pressure as well as the Western Freeway, and that obviously leads to congestion on Moggill Road. More needs to be done in an integrated way by all three levels of government to resolve that traffic congestion.

We have seen the recent RACQ traffic reports and some of the solutions they have put forward, but with all of this we are also seeing additional pressure on school infrastructure as far as an increase in population is concerned. I certainly know that the students of Moggill State School in particular would value enhanced public transport and footpath access to the new Moggill District Sports Park.

I call on the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to deliver such solutions in collaboration with the Brisbane City Council. The Moggill District Sports Park will certainly provide additional support for our local sporting clubs, but it needs to be accessible for students and the broader community. Extending the 444 bus service and providing pedestrian access would enhance availability and access for local residents, students, schools and sporting clubs. I call on the minister to consider this and work with Brisbane City Council to come up with a solution to deliver that additional enhancement.