



Speech by

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## **CURRUMBIN ELECTORATE, INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Mrs STUCKEY** (Currumbin—LNP) (11.46 am): The Currumbin electorate has been the recipient of close to \$2 billion worth of infrastructure these past three years, with both the Tugun bypass and the desalination plant in one suburb. I want to congratulate the good people of Tugun for their patience and tolerance through this incredibly disruptive time. They have suffered noise, dirt and disruption on a 24-hour basis. They waited 20 years for the Tugun bypass and suddenly they were told they were getting a huge desal plant as well. But we are still waiting for the desal plant—which has caused enormous amounts of angst—to be fully operational.

My office receives frequent calls from people who complain about the effects of the vibrations that were caused during this preconstruction phase. They have roads that have not been properly restored, they have doors and windows dropping, and there are cracks appearing in walls, ceilings and driveways. These are serious, serious matters for these people. They deserve better than to be told that they have no case to answer to. This government has in fact hung these people out to dry.

The government must now step in and make sure that their properties are restored to preconstruction status. The Tugun footy club is sinking and the government has a responsibility to provide assistance there. My Labor opponent before the election told ABC Radio that Minister Lucas had publicly guaranteed to withhold \$100 million to restore people's homes. Will this be honoured?

Now we find that the plant has been turned off for repairs. We have got news that the pipe couplings are showing early signs of corrosion. This is offering very little confidence. There are still so many unanswered questions. The Tugun bypass, which opened less than a year ago, now has corrosion in the iron framework, yet it was meant to be built to last 100 years. Can the minister rule out elevated acid sulphate levels as a causal connection of corrosion of the pipes and parts of the Tugun desalination project as well as the Tugun bypass?