



Speech by

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BOYD STREET, COBAKI

Mrs STUCKEY (Currumbin—LNP) (11.49 am): I stand in this House today to plead the case for the good citizens of Tugun, and in particular those living around Boyd Street, who are once again the subject of inconsiderate developments being thrust upon them. This same Boyd Street is the road that has borne the brunt of truck movements and the effects of major construction. Residents suffered heavy congestion as they waited 20 years for the Tugun bypass while this government twiddled its thumbs failing to secure agreement from New South Wales to proceed. The Queensland government also failed to extract a brass razoo out of them to pay for it, so hopeless was its negotiating skills. No sooner was the long-awaited bypass underway than the government forced the construction of a huge \$1.2 billion desalination plant onto them—more disruption, more dirt, loss of sporting fields and damage to homes.

In 2008 I tabled a petition calling for an interchange on the bypass near Boyd Street, as local residents feared a huge increase in traffic movements along this road with new developments in the areas, but the minister said demand would not warrant construction of an interchange for at least another 20 years. An interchange was part of the original plans for the Tugun bypass but was dropped in 2002 for financial reasons. However, just two years later this Labor government found and wasted about \$19 million to build an interchange a couple of kilometres north of this site at Stewart Road which was dismantled four years later. That interchange was built to fool people prior to an election that the government was finally building the bypass.

In 1993 contracts were signed between the Gold Coast City Council, the Tweed Shire Council and LEDA Group for a large development of some 5,000 homes west of Boyd Street at Cobaki. These arrangements were made on the presumption that there would be an interchange in New South Wales. At a recent public meeting a resolution was passed to form a round table of stakeholders to fast-track the interchange, and I ask this government to cooperate with this procedure. I seek leave to table a non-conforming petition regarding traffic congestion on Currumbin Creek Road.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr O'Brien): It is not necessary for you to ask for leave. You can just table the document.

Tabled paper: Non-conforming petition from 156 petitioners requesting a set of traffic lights or a roundabout to alleviate traffic problems on entering and exiting Currumbin Creek Road from both ends of Traders Way [[1945](#)].

Mrs STUCKEY: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. I once again urge this government to come to the table and assist with the fast-tracking of the interchange.