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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: SOUTH ROAD UPGRADE TORRENS ROAD TO RIVER TORRENS EARLY AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (11:40): I rise to make a contribution to the motion that the 486th report of the Public Works Committee, entitled South Road Upgrade Torrens Road to River Torrens Early and Associated Works, be noted. I note the angst from across the way on the government benches with regard to things that have or have not happened over time. Let's go back a bit further in time. Let's go back to 1968 and the MATS plan—the Metropolitan Adelaide Transport Study.

Members interjecting:

Mr PEDERICK: Yes, now here they come. Here come the interjections. Here they come. The Metropolitan Adelaide Transport Study—and this is for the sake of Mrs Harris, your constituent, as well, Mr Speaker, who would have been very keen to see this proposal go ahead inaugurated by—

Mr Hamilton-Smith: Even their grandparents got it wrong.

Mr PEDERICK: Even their grandparents got it wrong—absolutely, the member for Waite. We see this contrived outrage still emanating from the government benches, when governments past of a Labor tinge—a red, red Labor tinge—killed off the MATS plan that was put in place by the Hon. Steele Hall and his government.

What we have seen today is all this outrage over things that supposedly Liberals have or have not done but one of the best plans for managing traffic throughout the greater Adelaide area was killed off by Labor governments—absolutely killed stone dead—and that land was since sold and then we end up with these massive billion-dollar issues with connecting traffic on a north-south corridor.

I urge students of history and students of the Labor Party to have a good reflection over history and go back to 1968 and events that followed 1968 with the sale of that land, which destroyed an extremely good plan for traffic throughout this city and this state.

Motion carried.

The SPEAKER: I call the member for Mitchell, who just caused all that trouble.

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