

SOUTHERN EXPRESSWAY – 14 February 2008

Mr PENGILLY (Finniss) (11:30): I move:

That this house notes the Rann government's failure to duplicate the Southern Expressway and the resulting disruption and inconvenience impacting on some 200,000 people living in the southern suburbs and their vehicular movement.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (11:47): I rise today in support of what I regard is the member for Finniss's exceptional motion.

Mr Kenyon interjecting:

Mr PEDERICK: I have a couple of comments for the member for Newland. He wanted to know whether I am a frequent visitor to the southern suburbs. My in-laws actually live in Willunga, in the seat of Mawson. So, the member for Newland had better do his homework on his cheat sheets a bit better.

An honourable member interjecting:

Mr PEDERICK: Yes, I travel the Southern Expressway quite frequently when I am in Adelaide and heading out that way. So, I suggest the member for Newland takes a little more advice before he comes in here and makes inane suggestions. As far as inane suggestions go, the Attorney-General has not learnt. We brought in a few people when we rang the bells last night, and we will continue to do it, with his inane observations during the discussion of bills, and upset his people while they are having dinner. I am quite happy to do that continuously.

While I am discussing this motion, and seeing that the member for Newland likes to make a large contribution to the debate, I note that in an earlier contribution he seemed to think that it was not fitting to discuss bills and motions in this house and suggested that some of them relate to only a few people. Well, I thought the whole idea of a democracy is that we are in this place to represent the people, whether it be one person or a thousand people. If he is not happy to be in this place, why don't we just have a by-election in Newland and he can go and find something more fulfilling if he wishes.

I think he needs to check his margin, and he might find there will not be a Labor member sitting there next time. If he does not want to represent the people in this house, he is in the wrong job and perhaps he had better go back to doing whatever he thinks is better—I think it is studying nuclear energy; he is very pro nuclear power. The member for Schubert made it quite clear why a former Liberal government made it a one-way expressway, but it is an expressway that is a lot more than the Labor Party ever provided. I will admit that, when I am in Adelaide, it does make it quicker for me to visit my in-laws in Willunga and also for the return trip.

The Hon. R.G. Kerin: And get away from the mother-in-law.

Mr PEDERICK: I will not respond to that, member for Frome. It certainly is an excellent expressway. The reason was that we had no money

because the Labor Party had bankrupted this state by \$11 billion, and we were finding our way clear. We were lucky to have something.

I refer to the lack of regional road funding in this state. A \$200 million backlog exists and many other roads need repair. With regard to the people whom I represent in the south, that is, towards Clayton and Milang—and if I have the opportunity, the people from Goolwa—thousands of them would be using the road and I am sure they are very happy with the construction of the one-way expressway. I call on the government to make it a two-way expressway asap. I commend the motion.