

Speech

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: MAIN NORTH ROAD REALIGNMENT VIA ANAMA LANE

Mr BROCK (Frome) (11:33): I also rise to support this motion and also to congratulate the member for Schubert. Twenty-two years—why did it take you so long to actually get the job done? I would also like to congratulate the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council. When I came to this position here, one of the first things it did was bring this matter to my attention—about the long discussions that were being held and the attempts to have these intersections or parts of local government roads transferred to government in order to share responsibility and improve intersections.

We then took the mayor and the CEO of the council to the minister and we had numerous discussions, the final result being the realignment of the Anama Lane intersection coming on to the Spalding Road and the Spalding Road intersection just north of Clare.

As the member for Schubert has indicated, the section of road past Bungaree Station is about 14 kilometres. It is very undulating, very dangerous and it has been a real bone of contention from both the council's point of view and the community's point of view when it comes to safety. It just goes to prove that, if you communicate and work in partnership with local government, good things come to fruition.

I am certainly looking forward to the completion of the work. Member for Schubert, as you say, you have one more. Let us hope that you get that up before you retire. I commend the motion to the parliament.

Motion carried.