PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT:

This petition of certain residents of the state of Queensland draws to the attention of the House that:

- 1. The Howard Government has balanced their budget by failing to properly invest in necessary infrastructure
- 2. The Ipswich Motorway is a Commonwealth Government responsibility and a vital link between communities, homes and workplaces, and is used by many thousands of Australians every hour of every day
- 3. The Howard Government has known since 1997 that the Ipswich Motorway was not up to modern standards but has consistently failed to make a budgetary commitment to fund a full upgrade of this crucial link in the National Highway Network
- 4. The Howard Government has finally adopted the Goodna Bypass option, which wastes nearly \$2 billion of taxpayer money, and is a bad planning choice. It unnecessarily adversely impacts thousands of people, and has the potential to lock planners into a Western Bypass option without proper planning or consultation.
- 5. As well as failing to deliver necessary transport infrastructure, the Howard Government has failed to provide the sustainable transport solutions necessary for the future of Australian cities
- 6. The Australian Labor Party is committed to the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway instead of the Goodna Bypass

Your petitioners therefore ask the House to ensure that the Commonwealth budget funds the full upgrade of the Ipswich Motorway instead of the Goodna Bypass.