

# Biggest Community Survey

## Cost of Living

**90%** are concerned the Government will increase our State debt and cost of living

**76%** are concerned about the Government lifting the price freeze on family car registrations

**81%** think the Government should make budget cuts to reduce debt and address the cost of living



## Law and Order

**81%** oppose the scrapping of the LNP's successful criminal gang laws

**93%** support tougher measures to deal with domestic violence offenders

**85%** think more Police on the beat is an important priority

**83%** are concerned about hooning and graffiti



**90%** think there should be tougher penalties for those convicted for antisocial and drunken behaviour

**95%** support tougher measures such as GPS monitoring to deal with dangerous sex offenders

## Education

**76%** support returning decision-making power back to local principals and parents

## Health

**76%** are satisfied with the level of access to health services



## Jobs and the Economy

**86%** think the high level of State Government debt is a problem

**88%** think the State Government further increasing debt is a problem

**79%** are concerned the Government won't build vital infrastructure because of our State debt



## Roads and Transport

**64%** would like to see the M1 upgraded more than any other State road

**54%** never use public transport

**74%** travel to work by car



## Environment

**64%** would be in favour of a cruise ship terminal on the Gold Coast if it met environmental approvals

**88%** would support a cableway in Springbrook if it met environmental approvals

\*1,500 responses received.

# BATES BULLETIN

our Mudgeeraba

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## Dear Residents

2017 is already shaping up to be a year of achievement in our community as I continue to work to Build a Better Mudgeeraba.

I love our community. That's why for the past eight years, I have worked hard to build the roads we need, provide safe and liveable communities, build stronger families and create jobs in our local area.

The past six months have seen some big wins in the Mudgeeraba electorate – including victories for people power and much needed new projects for our local area.

This year has also seen trying times for our Hinterland communities. Ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie left communities cut off, roads closed and severe damage to property.

But our community is resilient. I was there working with residents and emergency services when the severe weather hit, and I have been assisting locals with the community recovery and rebuilding effort ever since.

With your support, I will continue to deliver on what matters to you.

Yours sincerely

*Ros Bates*

**Ros Bates MP**  
**LNP Member for Mudgeeraba**  
**Shadow Minister for Communities, Women and Youth,**  
**Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence**  
**Shadow Minister for Disability Services and Seniors**



▲ Ros listening to a resident's concerns



▲ Ros chatting with Mudgeeraba Creek State School students



▲ Ros introducing Tim Nicholls MP, Leader of the Opposition to Springbrook hero Ray Cavanaugh following his efforts during ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie





# LOCAL ISSUES Update

Gilston Public Hall on Gilston Road ▲



# 2017 BUDGET Update

## Gold Coast Quarry defeated

After years of fighting alongside local residents to stop Boral's proposed Gold Coast Quarry at Reedy Creek, people power finally defeated this project in the Planning and Environment Court after it was rejected by Council.

Residents of Reedy Creek spoke loudly against this quarry and I have stood shoulder to shoulder with my residents and the Stop the Gold Coast Quarry group.

I understand Boral is now looking to appeal this decision and I will continue to work with the City of Gold Coast to Stop the Gold Coast Quarry.



▲ Ros speaking to a small business at Merrimac about the Gooding Drive roundabout upgrade

## Upgrade of Carrara roundabout and intersection

The Carrara roundabout upgrade at Gooding Drive has begun.

Now, the Mudgeeraba electorate's largest roundabout at the Gooding Drive, Nerang-Broadbeach Road and Robina Parkway intersection will receive a massive \$8 million upgrade, coupled with a \$700,000 signalisation of the Gooding, Palm Meadows and Lakelands Drives intersection.

Construction is due to be completed by the end of the year. The roundabout upgrade will include the installation of an additional lane, two new sets of control signals, a new slip lane, improved signage and the groundwork for future signalisation.

This is a project funded by the former LNP Government.



▲ Ros speaking to Numinbah Valley residents following ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie

## Road repairs following ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie

Severe weather events in March left our Hinterland roads damaged, with entire sections of some roads washed away whilst others experienced severe landslips.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads, after a rapid 36 hour temporary repair effort, is now working to permanently repair major damage approximately 200 metres east of the Nerang-Murwillumbah Road intersection.

Meanwhile, Gold Coast-Springbrook Road suffered significant damage and work has been underway since to repair and restore 112 recorded locations of landslips and debris to reopen the road as quickly as possible.

It is expected that Gold Coast-Springbrook Road will be closed at Neranwood, for at least six months, with Pine Creek Road remaining the only route to Springbrook.

## Labor's Budget fail

The Palaszczuk Labor Government has abandoned the Mudgeeraba electorate in its 2017-18 State Budget.

Labor's Budget once again shows they are completely out of touch with the needs of the Mudgeeraba electorate. We have been blatantly disregarded and it is our local area that will miss out as a result.

This is nothing more than a cynical attempt to shore up Labor seats before the next election. Labor can spin the facts any way they like, but residents know Labor is nowhere to be seen on local issues.



▲ Ros talking about Labor's dud Budget with Scott Emerson MP, Shadow Treasurer

## Debt

This is a Labor Budget of higher debt and larger deficits. Over the next four years, debt is going to balloon by \$9 billion, up to \$81 billion. That represents \$15,800 of debt for every man, woman and child in Queensland.

## Springbrook National Park

All Labor has been able to muster up in almost three years is \$179,000 to seal a walking track in Springbrook National Park at Natural Bridge.

In contrast, the LNP invested more than \$1 million for a new suspension bridge and walking track upgrades at Purlingbrook Falls in 2014.

## M1

It was the LNP who shamed Labor into funding the next M1 upgrade from Robina to Reedy Creek after 2 1/2 years of delays.

In Labor's Budget, despite the promises, no funding has been set aside until after 2018 for the upgrade itself.

## Cost of living

Labor have increased registration by over \$50. Whilst they've tried to copy an LNP policy to fix their mess, it is too little, too late. You can't trust Labor not to treat motorists like cash cows as they have in the past.



▲ Ros discussing rising rego costs with a local mum



▲ Ros talking jobs with a Mudgeeraba small business

## Jobs

Under Labor economic growth is weaker, employment growth is weaker and unemployment is forecast to stay higher for longer. We were promised a jobs bonanza, but this Budget delivers more of the same jobs misery from Labor.

## Carrara roundabout

It was the LNP who funded the \$8 million Carrara roundabout upgrade, but that didn't stop Labor from desperately rehashing and renouncing it yet again in this Budget.

# LABOR'S BUDGET FAIL

TAXES UP  
\$200  
PER FAMILY



DEBT UP TO  
\$81 BILLION  
OR 15,700 PER QLDR

84,000  
LESS JOBS OVER  
THE NEXT 3 YEARS

