

MITCHELL FREEWAY FLYOVER, 50 KILOMETRE SPEED LIMIT

Statement by Member for Hillarys

MR JOHNSON (Hillarys) [12.57 pm]: I urge the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to pull into line the bureaucrat who authorised the imposition of a 50 kilometre an hour speed limit on the flyover from the Mitchell Freeway to this House. There is not one residential property or business premises near that flyover. There is not even a pedestrian walkway. It is nonsense. This is bureaucracy gone absolutely mad. Motorists must reduce their speed from 100 kilometres an hour to 50 kilometres an hour. It is absolutely ludicrous. It is not even a suburban road of the type to which I believe this new speed limit is supposed to apply. It is supposed to apply in residential suburbs. Members travelling at 100 kilometres an hour down the Mitchell Freeway, desperate to get to this House to do our business and carry out our duties, suddenly hit 50 kilometres an hour. It used to be 60 kilometres an hour, which was acceptable and gave a little bit of leeway. This road simply takes traffic from the Mitchell Freeway, over the freeway, and down to Newcastle Street. It would be fine to place the 50 kilometre limit at the junction of Newcastle Street, but to have it at the beginning of the overpass is bureaucracy gone absolutely stark, staring, raving mad. I urge the minister to pull the bureaucrat who authorised it into line, and to show some commonsense.