

Letter to the editor

With more than 120 people from Dinmore, Moggill and surrounding suburbs attending the community information night on Saturday, they could be forgiven for walking away empty handed, knowing little more than before the meeting.

It was disappointing to endure listening to member for Blair Cameron Thompson talk about the politics of the Goodna bypass but provide no detailed information about where it would go, what homes would be resumed or how many people would be effected.

Mr Thompson's apologies about the destruction of the suburb of Dinmore and surrounds, sporting fields and community facilities and business did very little to alleviate the fear and apprehension of local residents.

People are justifiably angry with Mr Thompson and the Howard Government, not only about the proposed Goodna bypass but also about the way it has been handled.

There has been no community consultation, no Environmental Impact Study and no options for residents and there will be no fix for the dangerous Ipswich Motorway that everyone living in Ipswich and along its route will still be forced to brave on a daily basis.

The meeting decided that another community gathering was needed to give the Howard government one last chance to at least provide some detail as to the alignment of the road and who would be affected, as none was provided on the night by Mr Thompson.

From Mr Thompson's presentation it appears that this Goodna bypass at an incredible cost of \$2.3 billion of tax payer dollars may only benefit a small number of big multinational firms, yet do nothing for any local residents in Ipswich or Brisbane.

Our local community deserves better than this from a Howard Government that has neglected road funding for the past 10 years and now tries to play catch up just before a federal election.