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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (6.00 pm): The Palaszczuk state Labor government must show leadership, they must show initiative and they must finally deliver on an integrated road and public transport plan for the electorate of Moggill in the western suburbs of Brisbane. This must be done in consultation and collaboration with all other levels of government, including Brisbane City Council and the federal government. The South East Queensland Regional Transport Plan, which has just been released, is in some ways a missed opportunity.

I would encourage the Labor government and the Department of Transport and Main Roads to read my detailed submission to the South East Queensland Regional Transport Plan. There needs to be a definitive time line for preserved road corridors, including the Kenmore bypass, and for residents who wish to see a dedicated full traffic road bridge being constructed at Bellbowrie. With no action being taken by the state Labor government, this is an ideal time for the Brisbane City Council to commence a feasibility study with extensive traffic modelling and community consultation on such a road bridge being constructed at Bellbowrie. This needs to occur in collaboration with the state government. We are seeing this process already underway, given Brisbane City Council's investigation into the construction of a second Walter Taylor Bridge.

Community consultation is continuing to take place on the state Labor government's proposed design for the Kenmore roundabout upgrade. I continue to be inundated with correspondence from local residents who have genuine concerns about the design, scope, impact and purported benefits of the current design for the upgrade and the associated section of Moggill Road. Such feedback is indicative of broader community concerns that this state Labor government is failing to properly plan and invest in road and public transport infrastructure for the electorate of Moggill and the western suburbs of Brisbane. This includes addressing the continued safety concerns caused by overgrown vegetation, the sheer lack of adequate provision of safe pedestrian and cyclist access along state controlled roads, and the failure of the state Labor government to meaningfully work with the Brisbane City Council to implement solutions.

Despite participating in good faith in the community consultation process for the Mount Crosby-Warrego Highway interchange upgrade project, local residents are being left in limbo on the further progress and future definitive implementation of this interchange upgrade. Local residents are very concerned about the design of this upgrade as well and also the lack of transparency around community survey results, which closed in August.

In relation to educational infrastructure for the western suburbs of Brisbane, again the Palaszczuk state Labor government is failing to deliver the resources and infrastructure required by local families, both now and into the future. The Labor Minister for Education is funding \$260 million for 37 new school halls. I would like to take this opportunity to again remind the Labor Minister for Education that Kenmore State High School is in desperate need of a new hall and sports centre, along with a performing arts

venue and enhanced student administration building. Further, the state Labor government must commence planning now for a new high school to service families in Moggill, Bellbowrie, Anstead, Karana Downs and Mount Crosby. It is time for Labor to deliver infrastructure in the western suburbs of Brisbane.