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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (2.58 pm): I rise to condemn the government for its 20-year failure to deliver on major road and transport infrastructure projects for Cleveland and the Redlands. Over the past 20 years, this long-term Labor government has promised the people of Cleveland and the Redlands all kinds of major pieces of road and transport infrastructure before elections, like the Redlands corridor, the dual-laning of Mount Cotton Road, the duplication of the Cleveland rail line and the upgrade of Toondah Harbour, only to cancel them after the elections. The people of Cleveland know that this government will promise transport infrastructure before an election and then make excuses after the election. So the good people of Cleveland are not fooled by the latest pre-election recycled promise of upgrading the Cleveland rail line.

They know that the promised funding is just a Labor commitment, nothing more. The people of Cleveland have not been fooled by the broken promises on the Redlands corridor. In 2008-09, before the election, the Labor government promised to duplicate Mount Cotton Road from the Gateway Motorway to Capalaba. The promise was made and the funds were committed, yet the government backed out in late 2010 and took the funding away without explanation. The people of Cleveland and the Redlands want to know where the missing millions, that were already in the budget, went.

Then there is the promised signalling of two intersections on Shore Street, Cleveland. The funds were again promised and committed to be spent prior to the 2009 election only to be snatched away after the election. In answering where the missing millions went the minister said that the signalisation of Shore Street and Gordon Street was no longer required as the signalisation of Shore and Wellington streets had improved traffic flow. This government is so out of touch with the transport and main roads needs of Queensland and Cleveland that it makes up imaginary traffic lights—ones that do not exist—to explain its broken promises.

Labor is making yet another round of big, unfunded promises in Cleveland, but the people of Cleveland have seen straight through it. They know that this government lost its AAA rating, racked up \$85 billion in debt and sent Queensland broke in a boom. The people of Cleveland know that the only thing that will be duplicated are the debt, deficits and broken promises.

(Time expired)