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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (11.56 pm): I have no doubt that the members opposite are happy that the House has adjourned. They are happy that the week is over. Look at them: they are happy to go back to their electorates, because they have had a bad week. They know that they have had a bad week. You can see it on their faces. You could see it on their faces on Tuesday. You can see it on the police minister's face now. They have had a bad week and they know it. And they ought to know it, because in the 100 days of this new government we have had controversy and bungle after bungle. Three members of the Labor Party are now subject to some sort of investigation by authorities. That is one a month, one a sitting. We look forward to the next sitting. We have about five or six weeks off. Maybe we will have a couple coming forward in the next sittings. They are running out of people to refer to the authorities.

I digress from what I intended to speak about. I intended to speak about the great electorate of Kawana and the great community volunteers of that electorate. Recently, I was pleased to participate in the Cancer Council's Relay for Life. I did it for a few reasons: not only to support my local community but also to support my mother, who is a survivor of cancer. A few years ago we nearly lost my mother to cancer, but it was found. So I support the Cancer Council at every given opportunity and do the Relay for Life. I want to thank Debbie Ayres, the chair of the Cancer Council Relay for Life team at Kawana, and also Tom Turner, the coordinator of the local Cancer Council, who organises the Relay for Life. I thank all the volunteers. I thank all the participants, particularly the schoolchildren who participated in the Relay for Life. It was cold, wet and windy, but they went out there and raised thousands and thousands of dollars to try to get a cure for cancer.

Can I also talk about Run Sunshine Coast, which is the first six-kilometre run that I have participated in. I trained hard for it. I changed my diet. I have not had KFC for about three months—all because of charity and all because I wanted to do the six-kilometre run. Since the run I have had shin splints for a month. I have now registered to participate in the Sunshine Coast Half Marathon. Run Sunshine Coast was to raise money for Wishlist, which looks after the Sunshine Coast hospital foundation to help grow the child development service. So I say congratulations to all of those participants.

The Labor government is neglecting the Sunshine Coast. The health minister is neglecting the Sunshine Coast. They have cancelled the rail duplication and the Mooloolah River interchange. When is the Labor government going to provide the roads and infrastructure that the Sunshine Coast desperately needs? Labor came into government and the first thing it did was cancel it, because it does not care about the Sunshine Coast.