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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Mooloolah River Interchange**

**Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (2.56 pm): On 15 October, which was the previous sitting of the parliament, I raised an issue of the Mooloolah River interchange and the lack of infrastructure that the Labor Party is not investing in the Sunshine Coast. I said in that speech God forbid anything happening on Kawana Way that the hospital is cut off, bearing in mind that the hospital has not yet opened. Lo and behold 24 hours later a water tank exploded onto Kawana Way spilling three million litres of water, and the road was closed for four days. It was also closed last weekend.

For six days the major arterial road to the Sunshine Coast university hospital was completely out of action. Cars could not get to it. Businesses were cut off. Businesses lost money because Main Roads put signs up 'Kawana Way closed' which was only meant to be for a portion of it. That was 24 hours later after I delivered a warning to the Minister for Main Roads, who in his arrogant style stood up here and said that it is no issue; the LNP were not going to invest in that road. Well, we were. We were going to invest \$400 million into the Mooloolah River interchange, which would mean that when the hospital opens in 2016 congestion would be eased a lot more than is the case at the moment.

The minister cannot keep hiding behind the fact that the LNP lost the election, because we did lose the election. But the reality is that that does not mean the Labor Party does not have an obligation to the Sunshine Coast community to deliver the roads and infrastructure that the Sunshine Coast community will need into the future. I see them laughing over there. I see Rick Williams, the member for Pumicestone, laughing. They can laugh all they want. The reality is a \$2 billion hospital is coming online next year. If we have proven anything in the last few days, it is that the roads and infrastructure around the hospital will not be adequate to deal with the pressure that will be mounting on that hospital and the roads.

We know what is going on. The Labor Party is a do-nothing government that has no plans. It released an infrastructure plan which is a regurgitation. What would we think when we have the likes of the member for Mackay sitting over there who takes a point of order because someone said she was delivering a boring speech and we were nearly accused of domestic violence with her speech. For goodness sake, what has this parliament become when we have incompetent members like the member for Mackay not knowing what her due responsibilities are to her constituency, not having a clue about the roles and responsibilities in this place, sitting over there with such a glass jaw that we talk about the incompetence of the Labor government, the mismanagement of the Labor Party, the fact they are driven by union bosses and their preselection relies on them. They sit over there and say, 'Don't offend me.' This is a place of debate of policies and ideas. If you cannot stand the heat in this kitchen, then get out. That is what I would say to the member for Mackay. I hope she takes offence, because I am offended by her incompetent presence in this chamber.

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