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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (6.46 pm): The Sunshine Coast LNP team are very much committed to the Sunshine Coast with respect to not only road infrastructure but also hospital projects. We brought forward the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, delayed originally by the Labor Party and again delayed by the Labor Party. Unfortunately the hospital now opens in April 2017. We have seen hundreds of millions of dollars cut by the Labor party in terms of road infrastructure for the Sunshine Coast community. There is a \$22 million road project by the current government but that is a bandaid solution for what we understand will be 10,000 fewer people having to travel to Brisbane when the Sunshine Coast Hospital opens next year.

The Sunshine Coast LNP team will continue to fight for the coast as one group en bloc because we achieve more when we do that, namely, of course, the \$2 billion hospital that has been achieved. I take this opportunity to say that we will continue to put pressure on the current government to deliver the Mooloolah River interchange, an interchange that should be being built by now.

Mr Bailey interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! I ask the minister to cease interjecting.

Mr BLEIJIE: The commitment by the Labor Party to the Sunshine Coast is nil, zilch, zero. We will continue to put pressure on the Minister for Main Roads to deliver the Mooloolah River interchange, a \$400 million project that was promised by the LNP at the last election; the rail duplication which will help all Sunshine Coast commuters; and, of course, the airport expansion which we will also support.

I pay tribute to a few of the great sporting groups on the Sunshine Coast, particularly the Kawana Football Club Men's Premier League team that won against Woombye the other night 4-2. They won it last year against Woombye as well. They did a fantastic job despite rain washing the game out on Saturday night. They had a rematch on Wednesday and the boys did a fantastic job taking home the trophy. I wish the Sunshine Coast Falcons all the very best against the Dolphins this Sunday. They will go on to play the Burleigh Bears in the Intrust Super Cup. We wish the Sunshine Coast Falcons all the very best for that.

I wish the Kawana Chamber of Commerce a happy 30th birthday. Linda Delamotte is the president of the Kawana Chamber of Commerce. It was a great 1980s themed party. To SCAR, which is a Sunshine Coast animal refuge, and 4 Paws Animal Rescue, thank you for your Walk for Awareness. As I always say, adopt don't shop! I have two rescue dogs, two Great Dane crosses, that we rescued from the RSPCA and another group at Caboolture. With respect to dogs and animals, adopt don't shop! I congratulate the Kawana Park Eagles under-13s. They won the division 1 premiership. Unfortunately Division 3 lost, but they played very well.

As I indicated earlier, the Sunshine Coast's entire LNP team will continue to fight strongly for the entire region of the Sunshine Coast en bloc as we keep delivering for the Sunshine Coast as we have done for many, many years.