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ADJOURNMENT

Jabiru Island Bridges

 **Miss BARTON** (Broadwater—LNP) (11.37 pm): It gives me great pleasure to rise in the House this evening and thank my good friend and colleague the member for Glass House and shadow minister for transport, main roads and local government for visiting the great electorate of Broadwater last Friday to join our good friend and colleague the member for Coomera, Michael Crandon, in calling on this Labor government to fund the duplication of the bridges at Jabiru Island that connect the great electorate of Broadwater and the great electorate of Coomera. What we have seen this Labor government prove time and time again is that they are asleep at the wheel and they are incapable of funding the infrastructure that Queensland—and particularly the Gold Coast—needs. Last Friday the shadow minister for main roads, the member for Coomera and I stood on Jabiru Island and called on this Labor government to fund the vital duplication of the Jabiru Island Bridge.

Mr Powell: Bridges.

Miss BARTON: Bridges. Thank you, member for Glass House. For those who do not know, the bridges connect Paradise Point and Hope Island. We have a situation where, in the lead-up to the first bridge it is two lanes that have to merge into one to go over the island, and then it opens up to two lanes. I will in a moment table some Google maps and images. As we saw, there is space and there is opportunity to duplicate these bridges to ensure the connection and the thoroughfare so that people who live at Paradise Point and Runaway Bay going out to the M1 at exit 57, or people at Hope Island and Sanctuary Cove coming through to Southport, are able to do so without needing to battle congestion daily.

We see this government continuing to fail the Gold Coast when it comes to delivering infrastructure. In the lead-up to the election last year the Labor Party said that they could fund infrastructure. The Labor Party continue to fail the Gold Coast, because they have not duplicated the bridges at Jabiru Island. They are not funding the vital infrastructure needed by my community and the community of the member for Coomera. People in my community continually approach me and raise this as a key and critical issue for them.

I have taken the time to lobby the shadow minister for main roads and the shadow minister for infrastructure, and I appreciate their support in my campaign to fight for the vital duplication of these bridges. The member for Coomera and I know that our communities need this infrastructure, particularly in the lead-up to the 2018 Commonwealth Games. I table those maps for the benefit of the House.

Tabled paper: Bundle of maps of proposed development of duplicate bridges for Jabiru Island connecting Paradise Point and Hope Island [[1296](#)].

I thank the shadow minister for joining me in my fight to make Labor fund this vital infrastructure in my community.