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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (8.58 pm): Last week the Premier flew into the Sunshine Coast and flew out. In fact, if honourable members blinked, they would have missed the cabinet. The week before they had spruiked that they were coming to the Sunshine Coast to have this ‘open community forum’; they were going to govern from the Sunshine Coast. No-one saw them. They went into the hospital—

Mr Minnikin: The ghosts.

Mr BLEIJIE: I do not even know which ministers were there, but under the cover of the clouds and the rain they went to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and apparently had a cabinet meeting. Then they flew down to the new school, opened a building and flew back to Brisbane. There were no big announcements, no rail duplication and no hospital link road. What has the Labor Party given the Sunshine Coast over the last 20 years? They have given zilch—nothing, zero—other than a \$400 million infrastructure cut to the Sunshine Coast. They have given us the cruel Health payroll fiasco that continues. We have nurses on the Sunshine Coast who are still being cruelly chased by debt collectors for the recovery of money that this Labor government put on them.

Mr Williams interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: You will need that handkerchief after the election, mate, because you will be crying because you will not have a job. That is why you need your handkerchief.

The Labor Party have cut \$400 million in infrastructure. They cut the Mooloolah River interchange. They did not duplicate the rail corridor. Last week when the Premier was on the coast late in the afternoon she was asked, ‘Why aren’t you duplicating the rail corridor?’ Now all of a sudden the duplication of the Sunshine Coast rail corridor cannot happen until Cross River Rail happens. Anna Bligh said that the duplication of the rail corridor was going to be built by 2012 before Cross River Rail was even talked about, but now the duplication is subject to Cross River Rail. It is a joke. It is not subject to Cross River Rail: it is only because the Labor Party are using it as an excuse not to build it. I do not have to tell you, Mr Speaker, how important the duplication of the rail corridor is on the Sunshine Coast. With respect to the Mooloolah River interchange, we have renamed it the Hospital Link Road so the Sunshine Coast community will understand.

While we are talking about roads, the Meridan State College has major congestion around it. I have launched a petition to help me fix the congestion on our roads around Parklands Boulevard. It already has thousands of signatures, and I would encourage people to go to meridanttraffic.com.au and sign this petition. We on the Sunshine Coast know that we cannot afford another three years of Labor.