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Dr ROBINSON (Cleveland—LNP) (6.52 pm): It is an honour to work for the families of the Cleveland electorate, as I have done for the last eight years as an LNP MP. We are building a better Cleveland district by providing the best education possible for the children. We have achieved much, like the \$3 million Bay View State School hall in Thornlands, the \$9 million to \$10 million Cleveland High year 7 building, the rollout of flashing lights in school zones, and now delivering the \$6 million Cleveland High school hall. LNP federal funding to every school in the Cleveland district will also be warmly received.

We are building a better Cleveland district by improving health services at Redland Hospital for our growing and ageing community. The LNP government did much. We completed the \$18 million emergency department upgrade, provided new paediatric short-stay and mental health areas, a new dedicated palliative care service, reduced emergency department waiting times, elective surgery and dental waiting lists.

We are building a better Cleveland district by ensuring our families and communities are safer by passing tougher laws on criminals, boosting local police numbers which brought crime rates down, and restoring domestic violence funding to victim court support cut by Labor. We are building a better Cleveland district by ensuring investment in our public transport and congested state roads. In government we upgraded Cleveland station, provided 450 extra seats on peak time trains and halved Labor's annual train fare increases. Sadly, Labor's failure to hire train drivers resulted in painful cuts. Forty-two services were cut on the Cleveland line. Cleveland and Birkdale station park-and-ride spaces were taken. Labor also ignored calls for road funding for Cleveland-Redland Bay Road for upgrades to Shore and Wellington streets. Labor's roads fail is clearly seen at the intersection of Shore and Wellington streets. The federal LNP has put up \$3½ million for a state intersection. The Labor government has done nothing in three years, has made excuses and even blocked the project.

We are building a better Cleveland district through improving our coastal lifestyle on Moreton Bay, whether for fishing, sailing, boating, swimming, diving or other marine endeavours. We have delivered Wellington Point boat ramp upgrading and resurfacing, the new William Street boat ramp, floating walkways and channel dredging, new boats and engines for local VMRs, new artificial reef and structures, a breakwater wall at Cleveland ramps, whale-watching facilities at Straddie, and Moreton Bay dive wreck sites are needed.

North Stradbroke Island is going through a very difficult time since Labor closed mining early, all without a plan. Much more funding is needed in the economic transitional strategy or there will be major problems. We are creating jobs and opportunity. It has been my pleasure and honour on behalf of the Cleveland district to serve here as the member of parliament. Once the election is called, I will have more to say about my local plan under an LNP government.