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ADJOURNMENT

M1, Speed Limit

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (7.00 pm): The last time I stood in this House I spoke about the impending deadline for the decision following the trial speed reduction on the M1. I said that I would take the matter to the community. Not only did I take it to the community but also other members have taken the matter to the community. The response has been overwhelming. Seated beside me is the member for Burleigh, who has taken the issue far and wide via a Facebook poll. I report to the House tonight that the member for Burleigh has had 16,000 respondents—16,000 respondents—to a Facebook poll about this issue. Fewer than 1,000 want to see the speed limit set at 100. Over 15,000 people have voted no to reduce the speed limits on the M1 again. That message is clear. It is decisive.

On my page, I had nearly 300 comments. People such as Carla said, 'It is totally ridiculous to lower the limit. If anything, they should be focusing their attention on considerable upgrades to improve the line and capability.' John said, 'It's totally unreliable data over a statistically irrelevant short period with change of traffic density, skewing the perceived results.' Vanessa said, 'Please push to keep it at 110.' Matthew, a paramedic, said, 'Who are the fools that keep proposing this rubbish? If the limit changes, you lose my vote.'

I suggest that we channel our energy elsewhere. The last time I stood in this House I said that, if the government were going to lower the speed limit, it should have another trial, because this trial was undertaken during the Commonwealth Games when there was not the same level of traffic on the road, but the locals have spoken. I ask the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to heed that advice. I ask him to please not do something that would put him at odds with the members of the community, who have been very firm on their view.

I ask the minister to channel his energy elsewhere. I ask him to stop arguing with Canberra, take the money that is on the table and fix the road. I ask the minister to stop arguing about the alignment of the second road and whether the corridor was in the plan or not. I ask him to begin planning and build a duplicate road so that we do not all rely on one corridor to get in and out. I ask him to please improve the on- and off-ramps. Mark Boothman, the member for Theodore, has exposed a ridiculous scenario. At a spot where we should be planning a wider on- and off-ramp, we are embarking on a project to put solar panels there. Solar panels are an excellent way of offsetting costs, but not on a road reserve where duplication needs to occur in the future.

Another point that has come through loud and clear is that motorists are saying, 'Let us focus our energy on making sure that, when people are travelling, they are doing the speed limit and that when they are in an overtaking lane, once they overtake, they get back to the other side. Let us make the M1 better. Do not change the speed limit.'

(Time expired)