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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.27 pm): Weeks ago I wrote to the federal member for Dickson, Peter Dutton, asking him to explain his recent social media commentary on state and local infrastructure projects. For 17 years Peter Dutton has failed to fix Youngs Crossing Road, duplicate Linkfield Road, create more parking at Ferny Grove Railway Station and contribute to other vital transport infrastructure projects in my community. For two decades, Peter Dutton has failed the electorate of Dickson. He has brought no significant federally funded projects to the Dickson electorate. Now, six months before an election that he is likely to lose, we hear him making a lot of noise, but we still see no federal projects, no federal commitments; just Peter's porkies.

Porky No. 1: Peter Dutton has committed at the last two elections to federally fund an on ramp at Dohles Rocks Road. However, he has no plans to do this on ramp. He does not tell us how it is going to be built. There are no costings and no time frames. Peter Dutton first committed to it when Tony Abbott was prime minister. Every time it is raised, everyone is miffed about how Peter Dutton will deliver this commitment, including experts in TMR and the council.

Porky No. 2: Peter Dutton is claiming that hundreds of additional car parks at Ferny Grove Railway Station to be provided by the Palaszczuk Labor government is insufficient. Despite his LNP Brisbane City Council colleagues disrupting the project, he goes further and is advocating for the facility to be built on a flood plain—despite this option being ruled out as a possibility by the department. This is evidence of how out of touch Peter Dutton is with the local community.

Porky No. 3: alleging that the state government has a plan sitting on its desk in relation to upgrading—

Ms LEAHY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I think that is very unparliamentary language and I would ask you to rule.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Actually, member for Pine Rivers, I agree. I think you need to not use that language anymore and I ask you to withdraw.

Ms BOYD: I withdraw. He is alleging that the state government has a plan sitting on its desk in relation to upgrading Youngs Crossing. Both the council and the state Department of Transport and Main Roads have confirmed that there is no such plan. In fact, the last plan received by the department was received under the former Newman LNP government. At that time council also set the plan onto the federal LNP government that Mr Dutton was a part of, both of whom refused to fund the plan. What proposal is sitting on the state government's desk? Which proposal does he support to upgrade Youngs Crossing and why six years after being asked for the funding is Peter Dutton finally speaking out about this issue yet blaming someone else?

The final one is while running an active campaign calling on someone else to fund and upgrade, we have no idea what proposed upgrade Peter Dutton supports in relation to Linkfield Road. While state and federal Labor is supporting the duplication of an overpass and have money on the table to fund it,

there is not a single dollar coming from the federal LNP government despite leaked federal funding published in the *Guardian* claiming the money was available under Malcolm Turnbull. Peter Dutton talks a big game and tries to be a contender in Canberra, but he has left the people of Dixon behind. We deserve better.