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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (3.00 pm), continuing: In the previous debate I was referring to maximising potential corridors. In my electorate there is a great opportunity to increase the capacity of the bridge over Coombabah Creek linking Jabiru Island. The community is calling out for it and I will continue to advocate for it. It is currently not on the forward works for the next 10 years. It has to be. It is important. This report highlights how difficult it will be to fund new projects such as that.

We have a genuine maintenance backlog in this state. It will take many years to ensure that infrastructure that was built in years gone by is brought up to the requisite standard. That impedes the ability to fund new capital works. It is vital that existing assets of the state are looked after because otherwise the day of reckoning will come. The day of reckoning comes when there is crumbling infrastructure without the capacity to meet the growth that comes from a state with a bright future. The key is to maximise what is already there. There needs to be effective planning. It is absolutely vital that we put in place a planning system that enables us to maximise existing infrastructure.

I conclude my remarks by saying that this is indeed a report that should make all of us in this House sit up and take notice. There is a backlog that needs to be addressed. It is serious, it is important and we owe it to the future of our communities to get this right.