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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redlands Electorate

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.09 pm): Last week, Redlands and our Labor Party lost a stalwart in Bill Jennings. Bill was a life member of the Labor Party, joining the party back in 1946—a member for 72 years. He was a true gentleman. He has been one of my biggest supporters and will be deeply missed by all in our Redlands branch. To Heather and his family, I am thinking of you all and sending my love. We really have lost a treasure.

The games just keep on keeping on in the Redlands with our federal member, Andrew Laming. The topsy-turvy chaos continues of politics before people. At the Redland Hospital we are delivering on our upgrade to the emergency department and growing our maternity capacity. We are also delivering the \$500,000 detailed business case for the car park. It is the first step toward a new car park with planning, pre-design works, costing and construction methodology a detailed part of that work. Last night, the federal government committed funding toward a new car park after months of the federal member muddying the waters. However, in our federal member's usual style, the muddying continues.

The big questions for Andrew Laming are: when in the next seven years are we going to see the money, and who is he planning to do the deal with? Will he do a deal with a developer who wants to bulldoze significant koala habitat to build a new car park and have control over parking pricing? Our federal member needs to come clean with our community. They deserve honesty and answers to those two very important questions: who is the deal with and when are you going to deliver? The year 2026 is a long time away. In fact, it spans across three federal election cycles.

Congestion and time on roads is also a key issue for Redlanders. We all know that Cleveland-Redland Bay Road is the No. 1 road priority. The mayor knows it is and had promised to fix it in the lead-up to the 2016 council election. The federal member knows it and spent day and night campaigning about it during the last state election with me on the side of the road. It was disappointing to see that again our federal member chose to put politics before people when it came to roads funding in the Redlands. Wellington Street, a council controlled road, is an important road, but Cleveland-Redland Bay Road is the priority as it is the main arterial road in and out of the Redlands. Some 70 per cent of employed locals that leave Redlands borders use this road every day for work.

In last night's budget, the Morrison government committed from its urban congestion fund \$15 million over four years to the Wellington Street upgrade. The fund requires a 50 per cent co-contribution. This means that Redland City Council has to commit the equivalent of 25 per cent of its current annual roads budget to 2022. We finished Giles Road, and the Anita Street intersection is underway on Cleveland-Redland Bay Road. The Victoria Point bypass study is underway and community feedback has been great. This is an important study to make sure we get the planning and infrastructure right.

Today, I am launching my petition with the help of my community to send a very clear message that Cleveland-Redland Bay Road needs upgrading; it is the priority. I call on the federal member, Andrew Laming, to stop putting politics before people—

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