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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (9.56 am): Queenslanders are sick and tired of not getting their fair share from Canberra. Tonight's budget is Scott Morrison's final chance to show he will give Queenslanders what we are due and not short-change us for his mates in New South Wales. For more than half a decade, the chaotic Abbott, Turnbull and now Morrison LNP government has taken Queenslanders for granted. The Palaszczuk government is delivering a record \$45.8 billion over the next four years in infrastructure for Queenslanders. That includes \$4.9 billion this year for roads across Queensland. We are doing the heavy lifting, while Scott Morrison continues to spend billions of dollars in Sydney and Melbourne. Time and time again we have been treated like an afterthought by the LNP in Canberra.

After talking a big pre-budget game last year, they actually cut money from Queensland last year—a 6.2 per cent cut from our roads in Queensland. Tonight, we do not just need commitments; we need real funding for Queensland projects now. We have watched federal commitments on the Gold Coast Light Rail slip, from 38 per cent under federal Labor governments to 23 per cent under Malcolm Turnbull and now down to 16 per cent under the current Prime Minister Morrison. The Queensland LNP has already signed up for this terrible deal regretfully.

On the M1, the federal government is still dudding Queenslanders with 50-50 funding, while just down the road on the same road New South Wales gets 80-20. Why should Queenslanders be grateful for this appalling double standard? Queenslanders want to see fair funding for major road and rail projects we need today—not in 20 years time, like the Prime Minister's fast rail thought bubbles. We want to see them funded now, not four or five years down the track.

Of the \$3.3 billion in new federal funding for the Bruce Highway allocated last financial year, only \$15 million was within the federal budget's four-year forwards—less than 0.5 per cent of their promise was actually in the four-year forwards. Year after year, the federal coalition government makes announcements only for Queenslanders to end up waiting years and years to see any funding flow. We know that good things happen when all governments work together for Queensland. We have created almost 185,000 jobs since January 2015. Imagine what we could do with a fair share from Canberra. Queenslanders will be watching very closely tonight. Tonight's budget is Scott Morrison's final chance to show he knows Queensland exists and knows how to deliver a fair share for our state.