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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (5.17 pm): After 14,000 sackings by those opposite, I think their drafting committee is about to be sacked as well. Look at the motion. They talk about congestion, yet they did not mention the M1 in the entire motion. The only mention is of the second M1. Read the motion. There is no reference to the M1 in this entire motion. What an embarrassment. The opposition cannot even competently draft a motion for the parliament. Members opposite ignored the M1 when in government, with not a single new dollar in the whole term—

Mr Mander interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Everton, you moved this motion and spoke to the motion. I ask you to cease your interjections.

Mr BAILEY: The LNP ignored the M1, with not a single new dollar on it for the entire three years of the Newman government, and again ignores it in this motion. The member for Everton is the most embarrassed person. I heard his interjections before. I would be embarrassed too if I were him, because it shows he cannot even draft a motion.

Let us see another glaring omission from this opposition who claim to be about busting congestion. There is another major project that they say they are very passionate about that is not in this motion: Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3A. Where is it? It is not even in the motion. The opposition has a number of Gold Coast MPs—one wonders what they do down there—but does not even mention Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3A in the motion. You would think the leadership aspirant the member for Broadwater might have got a Gold Coast reference in, but there is no mention of it. I am seeing the confused look on the face of the member for Bonney. He is learning bad habits from the other Gold Coast MPs. There is no mention of Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 3A in this motion. How embarrassing!

The motion does have multiple references to the second M1. The second M1 was stopped by the previous government in terms of a range of planning documents. The member for Clayfield committed to it in the election campaign with an absurdly low figure of \$250 million, with another \$250 million magically to come from somewhere else that was not confirmed. A bit over a year ago that figure had changed. It had gone up to \$1.1 billion—still massively short of what that project would cost.

Opposition members say that they are making a suggestion but there was no mention of Cross River Rail, the single most important transport infrastructure project in the country. There is not a single reference to it.

I go to the other parts of the motion and mention Mackay Ring Road Stage 2. Where is it in the federal budget documents? It is in the '2023-24 onwards' column. The colleagues of those opposite in Canberra are not putting a dollar towards it for more than four years, yet we are supposed to think this is a priority of the LNP. The Liberal-National federal budget documents belie that fact.

The motion also mentions duplicating the Sunshine Coast rail line. I am glad that I am speaking after the member for Glass House—the meek and mild, spineless and weak member for Glass House—

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Miller, I ask you to withdraw the word 'spineless'. It is unparliamentary.

Mr BAILEY: I withdraw the term 'spineless' and I maintain the word 'weak'.

Mr BLEIJIE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. As you made your ruling the Deputy Premier said the words, 'It's true,' to the member for Miller, in direct contradiction of your ruling. Mr Speaker, if it is unparliamentary for the member for Miller, how is it not unparliamentary for the Deputy Premier?

Mr SPEAKER: Resume your seat. I did not hear any interjection from my right. I was dealing with the matter at hand. The minister has withdrawn the word which is unparliamentary and the debate will continue.

Mr BAILEY: Those opposite had three years in government to do something for the Sunshine Coast and they did nothing. They did not even get the business case going for the Sunshine Coast rail duplication. We have done the business case. We have allocated more than half a billion dollars to the Sunshine Coast rail duplication; there was zero allocated by the LNP. We know that those opposite stand for cuts. That is what they did when they were in government. They made \$600 million worth of cuts in transport infrastructure and cut 14,000 jobs. We know that if they ever got back into government they would do exactly the same thing again.

The problem is that those opposite do not stand up for Queensland. They are weak. They grovel to Canberra instead of standing up for the maroon state. That is what this motion is about. It is an incompetent motion from an incompetent leadership that is weak. I look forward to the leadership challenge, because it is not far away.