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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (7.15 pm): With such strong population growth in South-East Queensland, it is absolutely critical that infrastructure be delivered. In three out of four budgets the Palaszczuk government has delivered record QTRIP programs on transport infrastructure. In last year's budget we committed an additional 10 per cent funding by the state at a time when the Commonwealth Morrison government was withdrawing six per cent. Over the last four years this state has fought tooth and nail—and had to fight tooth and nail—with an unsympathetic and insensitive federal government under three different prime ministers to get our fair share of infrastructure funding, and we just have not received that. Cross River Rail is the most important project in the country, with not a single dollar out of the current federal government. That project would benefit every commuter on every rail line, particularly the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast lines, with faster and more frequent services.

In terms of the M1, we have had to fight tooth and nail, yet we have not got our fair share out of Canberra. Canberra funds the M1 at 80 per cent at Coffs Harbour and funds it at 80 per cent north of Newcastle in New South Wales, but when it comes to Queensland it rips us off and offers us 50 per cent and it is the Palaszczuk government that has to do the heavy lifting. Likewise with the Gold Coast Light Rail stage 3A, that is the lowest ever offer from a federal government for a stage of light rail on the Gold Coast after the heavy lifting done again by the Palaszczuk government on stage 2, built in record time for the games, and what a success that was. The federal government is again underfunding the Sunshine Coast rail duplication when it itself has listed it under the National Land Transport Network, yet with 80 per cent funding it still offers us a cheap deal. It gives \$27 billion to Victoria, but it comes to Queensland and it rips us off.

This is a very important election for anyone who lives in South-East Queensland who is serious about dealing with population growth and with infrastructure. A federal Labor government is absolutely necessary. M1 motorists would be particularly interested because what we see from federal Labor is a commitment to upgrade three key interchanges—exit 41, exit 45 and exit 49. That is a \$100 million package which is double the current government's commitment, but the current federal government does not understand the M1 and has ripped us off on the upgrades that are underway. There are also commitments to park-and-rides at Coomera, Beenleigh and Ormeau. A federal Labor government will commit to the Linkfield Road upgrade—something ignored by Peter Dutton for 18 years, yet he is promising that he will do it now that he is under threat. If we want infrastructure for a growing population in South-East Queensland, at this federal election there is only one choice, and that is a federal Labor government that has worked closely with us and that has invested in a lot more infrastructure in South-East Queensland than the current government that continues to rip-off Queensland.

Mr Millar interjected.

Mr BAILEY: Do we want more of the same in cuts or chaos, or do we want a united Shorten government? I think the choice is clear.