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Dr ROBINSON (Oodgeroo—LNP) (6.23 pm): I want to highlight some areas that the government could address in the June state budget to ease infrastructure and other problems that have developed over the past 4½ years in the Cleveland district, Oodgeroo electorate, Redlands Coast and bayside, south-east Brisbane region. The Redland City Council and LNP federal government have done a good job in our region. Federal members Andrew Laming in Bowman, Ross Vasta in Bonner and Bert van Manen in Forde are hardworking members who have achieved much, and I look forward to their re-election this Saturday.

Sadly, at the state level we have fallen behind as we have not got our fair share of state resources. A range of fails must be addressed in the state budget. Labor's 'rail fail' continues, with 42 services cut on the Cleveland line and only one restored—41 to go just to break even. Sadly, the Cleveland line remains the 'misery line', according to Robert Dow of Rail Back on Track. He and Cleveland locals such as Nina Blackwell have done a great job in holding the government to account on behalf of frustrated locals. Labor's disruptive cuts have resulted in overcrowded carriages and have forced commuters back into their cars, increasing the daily chaos and congestion on our roads.

In terms of health, Labor's Redland Hospital crisis is getting worse, with no state upgrade in sight. Patients are waiting up to three days in ED. This is completely unacceptable. No upgrade in the state budget is no answer and an insult to Redlands people. I am grateful for 'ScoMo' and Andrew Laming, who have announced a \$30 million commitment to an upgrade of the hospital plus up to \$18 million for the car park. The LNP is leading the way with health in Redlands.

Then there is the dam and water fail. Sadly, Labor decided to not replace the gates to the Leslie Harrison Dam, reducing the amount of potable water dramatically. Labor's water policies have cut capacity, reduced drought readiness, increased the once-cheap cost of Redlands water and led to maybe an overreliance now on the Straddie aquifer.

In terms of education, despite my repeated calls to keep the STEM classrooms at Ormiston State School the minister has not ruled out removing the buildings. I again call on her today to rule out her STEM cuts for girls and boys at Ormiston State School.

In terms of Straddie, Labor's ETS is stalling as resource sector jobs end this year due to Labor's harsh laws. Traditional owners and other locals are protesting the slow pace of transition and lack of consultation. Minister Jones promised 400 ecotourism jobs. They have not happened. The Deputy Premier promised 1,000 construction jobs at Toondah Harbour. They have not happened. The people feel abandoned. The state budget is an opportunity for the Treasurer to invest in Dunwich harbour now that the master planning is done. The whale interpretive centre would be a better outcome at the Dunwich cultural centre.

There is a failure to invest in major road upgrades and duplications. There is a range of other fails such as cuts to the fire ants program in Redlands, the dragging out of the Cleveland breakwater— a whole range of other things. The people of Redlands, Brisbane and Queensland do not need more Labor this Saturday. Only a vote for the LNP will ensure we do not get wall-to-wall bad Labor governments in Queensland. Enough is enough.