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## ADJOURNMENT

### Gold Coast, Infrastructure

 **Ms SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (7.15 pm): Economists are calling for the federal government to partner with states like ours to green-light shovel-ready infrastructure projects to stimulate the economy. On the Gold Coast we have a number of projects ready to go because of our government's planning work. On top of the work happening to upgrade the Oxenford interchange at exit 57 and the four M1 upgrades, we have committed nearly \$100 million to upgrade the Yatala exit 41 and Pimpama exit 49.

We all remember the dispute we had with the federal government over M1 funding. We came to a decision which was a fifty-fifty split. We have put 50 per cent of the funds on the table for these two exits, but unfortunately now the federal government has contributed only 25 per cent. On the light rail stage 3A to Burleigh we have committed \$351 million, which is nearly half of the total cost. Unfortunately, again we are seeing the lowest contribution ever from the federal government—only 16 per cent. We are not asking them to match us on this particular project. We are only asking for what they contributed for stage 1 of the light rail.

I understand that the Premier has written to the Morrison government in relation to these projects, asking for more investment in the Gold Coast from the Morrison government. I urge those opposite to stand up for our community and do the same. I do not have an awful lot of faith, given their track record. After not a single new dollar was spent on the M1 under the previous LNP government, Campbell Newman's assistant treasurer, Deb Frecklington, bizarrely made a comment in the *Albert & Logan News* earlier this month, now blaming our government for fixing the M1, saying that we should instead focus on the second M1. It is absurd to say that this government is wasting time fixing something that they ignored for more than three years. Unlike those opposite, we can actually do two things at once. We are widening the M1 from Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes and then we are widening it all the way down to Tugun as well as progressing the planning works and business case for the second M1, with money allocated in this year's budget.

I am a little uncertain about what the LNP's position is on the second M1, because it keeps changing. First they stopped the project from progressing when they were last in government. Then they decided, when they were kicked out of power, that they wanted it but did not actually allocate enough money to build the thing. Now they are trying to slow it down before the shovel is even in the ground—

**Mr Crandon** interjected.

**Mr Hart** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Member for Coomera and member for Burleigh, if you wish to speak during this adjournment debate, seek the call. Otherwise cease your interjections.

**Ms SCANLON:**—with the member for Theodore now calling for the second M1 to be an 80-kilometre road, only to have the LNP deputy leader, on the same day, travel down to the Gold Coast to say that he disagreed with his own team member on that position. It is incredibly embarrassing. They

are a dog's breakfast when it comes to infrastructure on the Gold Coast. Frankly, we need MPs who will advocate for fair funding. I certainly hope that we start to see that from the federal government, that we can come to a resolution and get Gold Coasters home sooner.