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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (7.21 pm): People in the Pine Rivers electorate rely on their cars to get around. Although the Palaszczuk government has done much through the Fairer Fares initiative and additions to public transport services to make public transport a cheaper and more attractive mode of transport, much government investment is also made to ensure that people in my community can spend less time stuck in traffic.

At the last election, I identified local transport upgrades as a key focus for my ongoing work as the member for Pine Rivers. Through my community transport survey I asked people in Pine Rivers to tell me about their transport experience. That survey informed me of the priorities for my community and what my focus should be when advocating for transport upgrades.

The Pine Rivers electorate is one of the geographically largest and most diverse electorates in the greater Brisbane area, so investment in transport infrastructure matters to commuters in my community. Given the distances people in my community need to travel, fixing major bottlenecks is not just a convenience issue for them; it means more time with their families. Further, my electorate's heavily used roads need to be as safe as possible.

This year's state budget provided for much needed road projects in every corner of the Pine Rivers electorate—from resurfacing works on Mount Mee Road in Dayboro to safety works on Mount Glorious Road. Three priority intersections on Samford Road are being addressed as well as safety works at Ferny Hills to the Camp Mountain Road intersection.

Despite being an obvious problem that was neglected by previous governments, the notorious bottleneck of the South Pine Road and Stafford Road intersection will finally be addressed by this government. A full body of work is looking at safety along Eatons Crossing Road, with the Eden Road intersection works commencing any day now. Dayboro Road at Petrie will see the removal of the Petrie roundabout. I am so pleased to experience the smooth-flowing trouble-free upgrade after the removal of the Strathpine roundabout at Gympie Road and Dixon Street. There are plans for a diverging diamond interchange that will transform the Strathpine Road overpass at Bald Hills and work to lock in a northbound turning lane for commuters at the Linkfield Road overpass will be starting in the coming weeks.

This project is bitter sweet. It comes at a time when the pressure of congestion on this road is huge. A major connector to the bustling industrial hub of Brendale—connecting the suburbs of Warner, Cashmere, Bray Park, Eatons Hill and Albany Creek to the Gateway and Gympie arterial—is potentially the most complained about bottleneck on the north side of Brisbane. At the recent election the federal government promised funds to duplicate the overpass, but we now know that the federal LNP government will have zero dollars for the Linkfield Road project until 2026.

The state government is ready to take action to duplicate the Linkfield Road overpass, but it cannot do it alone. Major infrastructure projects require support from the federal government. My community cannot wait until 2026. That is why this week I launched a community petition calling on Scott Morrison and the LNP federal government to help us upgrade Linkfield Road now, to bring the money through in its current term, because 2026 is too late to start this vital work. Both Peter Dutton and Luke Howarth went to the last election promising that they would deliver funds to support Queensland and fix this bottleneck—not in two elections from now; now.