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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.23 am): Madam Deputy Speaker Lui, I congratulate you and welcome you to the chair. It is a significant moment for the parliament and the state. I refer to the contributions from the Leader of the House and the member for Kawana. Of course, we heard some grand pronouncements by the Leader of the Opposition that things were going to be different under him. They were going to be a positive opposition. They would back in things that were positive and that deserved support. He said that they were going to be different. However, every time I come in here it is *deja vu*, and I hate to use French because I know it is used in the LNP executive. They come in here with the same old 'whinge fest' that we have heard before. Nothing has changed. We get the amateur thespian routine from the member for Kawana, who has learnt nothing. He received a 3.8 per cent swing against him, but I have not noticed any greater humility from him. They said that they would be different and yet we still have the ironic situation where he comes in here complaining about not having enough time for debate while wasting our time talking about procedural matters and motions that people do not care about.

This is a straightforward schedule for us to debate bills, with appropriate lengths of time. Of course we need to consider COVID after the election. That makes sense. This is a relatively straightforward bill. It is hardly controversial. The member for Kawana is trying to confect the idea—which he failed in the last term but is now repeating—that somehow we are doing something that is unacceptable when this is the normal procedure for parliaments across the country and across other western democracies: you make a schedule and prioritise your bills. We do not need tedious repetition and the same speech being delivered over and over again. We need genuine contributions, which means that the leaders of both sides need to prioritise and work together. However, we see the same old routine.

One would think that after an election at which they lost nearly two per cent on a two-party preferred vote and the member for Kawana had a double swing of 3.8 per cent against him they might have thought to do something differently but, no, here he goes again. They say one thing and do another. I commend the motion of the Leader of the House. It is sensible. There is enough time for everybody who wishes to speak in a concerted way. Yet here we are again, hearing the same old stuff from the opposition. They have not learnt their lesson after a third election loss.