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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (7.06 pm): In the last sitting of this parliament I detailed the ongoing failures of the Labor government to deliver infrastructure in my electorate of Clayfield, particularly around the Albion railway station. I now want to discuss the ongoing failures of the Labor government to deal with congestion issues on the Lutwyche Road-Gympie Road corridor.

The Lutwyche Road-Gympie Road corridor is one of the major road arteries on the north side of Brisbane. It delivers up to 70,000 vehicles a day from Brisbane's northern suburbs and beyond into the city each morning, and it delivers them home again each evening. It runs right through the middle of the Clayfield electorate from the Royal Brisbane Women's Hospital through Windsor and Lutwyche to Stafford and Chermside toward Beams Road at Carseldine. It is in fact a 12-kilometre stretch that is peppered with 35 sets of traffic lights. It constantly ranks in the RACQ's top 10 worst congested roads and it took out sixth place in 2020. Only this week the Kedron Park Road and Lutwyche Road intersection was rated as Queensland's most dangerous. In fact, it has had nine crashes resulting in 16 fatalities or serious injury at that intersection between 2017 and 2019.

That is why I was delighted to join with Deb Frecklington, the Leader of the Opposition, Ed Sangjitphun, our candidate for Stafford, and Amanda Cooper, our candidate for Aspley, to announce that an LNP government will spend \$20 million on upgrading the Lutwyche Road-Gympie Road corridor. Our plans will involve cutting travel times by five minutes on average during peak and increase average speed times for motorists by 20 kilometres per hour in peak times. The work will include: better synchronising traffic lights; intersection upgrades, including increased turning lanes; investigation of the Kedron Park Road-Lutwyche Road corridor that I mentioned previously; as well as other intersections causing congestion and delay along that corridor.

The LNP's South-East Queensland congestion program will create 3,100 construction jobs, and the Gympie upgrade alone will create 62 of those jobs. It is the LNP that has a plan to bust congestion in Brisbane because Labor has failed to do so. Labor's track record is for a proposed Northern Transitway, and that will cause major issues for local business who are still campaigning against it.

The LNP has promised greater and better consultation with those businesses to ensure that jobs and businesses are protected, especially in these difficult times. The project budget under Labor has also increased by almost \$20 million to \$72 million, but still to date no work has been undertaken on this transit way. It is only the LNP—with a plan to bust congestion—that will make it easier for families in my electorate and the electorates of Stafford and Aspley to get to work and to get home. The LNP will support businesses, it will support jobs and it will get Queensland working again.