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## ADJOURNMENT

### Mansfield Electorate, Federal Budget

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.21 pm): The Liberal federal government have again robbed Queensland of vital infrastructure funding for our rapidly growing population. While around 30,000 fellow Australians have migrated to our Sunshine State over the past 12 months to access jobs and a better lifestyle, Queensland received a dismal \$1.6 billion for infrastructure in last night's federal budget. That is less than half of the \$3.3 billion that New South Wales is receiving, well under the \$3 billion that Victoria is receiving and an astounding half of South Australia's \$3.2 billion infrastructure budget.

In a further affront by the federal government, Queenslanders will receive only \$800 million in this current budget and will have to wait another 10 years for it to trickle down into Queensland communities. However, we should not be too surprised. That is extremely consistent with this federal government's track record of election promises that are never delivered. I can give two examples of the Liberal federal government's overpromising and never delivering in my electorate of Mansfield.

During the 2019 federal election, the federal LNP member for Bonner promised the upgrade of the Newnham Road and Wecker Road intersection. During the campaign millions of dollars were flaunted to make that intersection safer. There was a lot of pomp. There were big signs. There were lots of photos and lots of fuss. However, it is nearly two years on and there have been zero upgrades to that intersection. The only whisper of pretending to do something is the Liberal council's wasteful funding of a flyer to say that they are doing something. If the council want to do something, I encourage them to immediately settle a fair and equitable price for the residents who will have their properties resumed when or if the upgrade occurs.

The second election commitment undelivered by this Liberal federal government is the Rochedale roundabout upgrade. During the 2019 federal election the federal member for Bonner committed \$14 million to the upgrade of the Rochedale Road and Priestdale Road intersection. Again there has been nothing. There has been zero—zilch—development or progress. What we do know is that their poor Liberal council cousins, keen to impress their big brother in Canberra in the hope that they might get their own turn at a federal seat one day, have come to the rescue and held an information session attempting to assure the community that something might happen.

It is nearly the middle of 2021. We are approaching the next federal election but the promises of the last election have still not be fulfilled. I understand and hope that this federal Liberal government, for many reasons, is in their last days of governing our nation.