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**Consideration in Detail (Cognate Debate)**

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**Economics and Governance Committee, Report**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (12.51 pm): I rise to make a contribution to the Economics and Governance Committee estimates hearing. First of all, I would like to thank the secretariat for the amazing work they do. Estimates hearings were brought on much more quickly in this term due to the travel plans of the Premier going to Tokyo for the Olympic Games. I congratulate her and all of those involved in successfully bringing the Olympic Games to Queensland.

There are a couple of things that are very concerning for the people on the northern Gold Coast. First of all, the second M1 is already behind schedule. There are three stages, not one stage, in the project. There is little happening so far. The more concerning thing is that almost half of the money is out past the forward estimates—out past the first four years. Clearly, we are looking at something like eight or nine years to finish stages 1, 2 and 3, which the government refers to as stages 1A, 1B and 1C—north, central and south, whatever you want to call it. The reality is that there are three stages. There is not one dollar being committed to anything north of Shipper Drive. There is \$11 million in the budget papers for north of Shipper Drive. That has nothing to do with construction. It has nothing to do with planning. It has everything to do with the purchase of land for the project.

The other concern I raised with the Treasurer is the northern Gold Coast hospital and health precinct that was a commitment prior to the last election. In fact, on 19 October—the day the booths opened—the headline was ‘\$160m: First look at Gold Coast’s new hospital ...’ The headline was \$160 million; there was \$3 million committed. The other \$157 million was for already committed projects further south—the Gold Coast University Hospital, Robina Hospital and \$40 million further south for the satellite hospital. It was an untruth by the Premier who arrived and put big placards up et cetera.

I asked the Premier in the first budget hearings of the new parliament in December: where is the \$3 million? She did not answer me. She could not answer me because it was not there. I asked the Treasurer: where is the \$3 million that was committed? He could not answer me. He would not answer me. He went off on a little fairytale of his own but did not come to the question of where is the \$3 million. That \$3 million is nowhere near enough anyway. We need \$10 million just for the business plan. We need to get on and build the hospital.

More importantly, we need to understand that the growth in the northern corridor is so vast, so great. I have 47,811 voters in the northern corridor—almost 30 per cent above the average of all of the electorates around the state. When you compare that with Oodgeroo and Gaven, they are almost 10 per

cent under. I am 40 per cent above them in the northern corridor. There is massive growth. We need to have a short-term, medium-term and long-term plan in relation to that hospital and it is not being delivered by this government.

The third concern that I have is exit 38. There was a business case done for exit 38 in 2018. There is not one dollar in the budget for exit 38—not one cracker, not a penny, not a bean. There has been nothing since 2018. Why was the business case done if there was no intention to do something with that particular exit?

I will finish on exit 41. It is in the budget but why aren't we having a slip lane northbound off exit 41 to go back into the Norfolk Village residential community? We desperately need that so those folk who are coming off the M1 are not forced through all of the commercial and industrial traffic that is always there at exit 41 because of the Yatala Enterprise Area.

I commend our secretariat and my colleagues on both sides of the House who were involved in the process. I look forward to seeing some work done by the minister.

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