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ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Highway Connection Road, Palmview

 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (7.26 pm): I rise to address the Bruce Highway connection road at Palmview in my electorate—a road which should have been built by 30 June this year. Work has just started today on the construction of that road, a road that will provide a second access to a suburb containing more than 5,000 people.

We have seen a series of failures from both local and state government and a lack of desire from developers to build a road that should have been conditioned in an infrastructure agreement put in place by the Sunshine Coast council in the first place. The result is that the local community has been dealing with congestion day in and day out on the single road leading in and out of a new community of more than 5,000 people.

The community has borne the brunt of failures of planning at a state government level and at a local government level. I have spoken about this issue multiple times in the parliament, calling on the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to deal with this problem.

Mr Smith interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, member for Bundaberg!

Mr MICKELBERG: This road was conditioned as a consequence of the advocacy of my colleague the member for Kawana when he was the local member representing that area. The Sunshine Coast council should have conditioned this road as part of the infrastructure agreement when they decided to approve the master planned Palmview community. Nonetheless, we have got to the point where it is conditioned. It is now conditioned for work to start today—so just in time. It is good that work has started, but it is due to be completed by 28 February 2023.

Mr Smith interjected.

Mr MICKELBERG: I rise tonight to place on notice the fact that I will be holding this state government, the Sunshine Coast council and developers to account to ensure that that road is built by 28 February 2023. It is eight months too late but better late than never. The consequence of this road not being built—

Government members interjected.

Mr MICKELBERG: I hear members opposite yelling about the fact that they do not want to see roads built to support the Sunshine Coast community—one of the fastest growing areas in the state and we are not seeing the infrastructure investment from this state Labor government.

Mr Smith interjected.

Mr MICKELBERG: The message is very clear: the Sunshine Coast community needs investment in new roads and infrastructure like rail infrastructure. We have a single-lane section on the Sunshine Motorway—on the Mooloolah River Interchange section—that has not been funded and there is no plan

to fund the upgrade of this section of road. The entire Sunshine Coast community suffers because of Labor's lack of investment in roads, rail and critical transport infrastructure right across the Sunshine Coast. Sunshine Coast residents deserve better than the lack of attention that they have been getting from this state Labor government.

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