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## ADJOURNMENT

### Moggill Electorate, Infrastructure

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (6.00 pm): There are serious infrastructure issues that must be addressed and prioritised across suburbs in the electorate of Moggill and, more broadly, the western suburbs of Brisbane. Specifically, with the current Mount Crosby Weir Bridge being severely damaged and closed to traffic, and dam water releases impacting Colleges Crossing and also recently Bells Crossing, this has meant that local residents, including families and students, have sustained ongoing travel and commuting impacts which have had negative social and economic consequences.

With the recent severe weather and flood event of February and March of 2022, there are also a number of matters pertaining to emergency service and disaster management agency coordination. These are the subject of ongoing local government and state government reviews and, in the case of the Brisbane City Council, now published recommendations. The resolution of these issues requires mature collaboration between all levels of government. I have had ongoing conversations with the federal member for Blair, Shayne Neumann MP; the state member for Ipswich West, Jim Madden MP; and also Councillor Greg Adermann who is the Brisbane City councillor for the Pullenvale ward. I have to say that my LNP colleague, Councillor Adermann, is certainly working tirelessly on behalf of local residents on many of these issues. I can advise the House that there are plans to have a formal meeting with all the aforementioned elected representatives to discuss all relevant matters in order to find sustainable and funded solutions, some of which are underway but need to be expedited, such as the new Mount Crosby Bridge.

When local crossings are flooded, with resultant sustained damage, there is no doubt that urgent assessment and rectification must be prioritised by relevant agencies and appropriate levels of government.

There also continues to be the significant issue of local traffic congestion across the western suburbs of Brisbane. In fact, as reported yesterday in the *Courier-Mail* and by the *Westside News*, the Brisbane City Council's latest *Greater Brisbane Key Corridors Performance Report* shows that eight out of the 17 slowest roads in Brisbane are in the west side. In the same report, the RACQ's Traffic and Safety Engineering Manager, Mr Gregory Miszkowycz, made the observation that—

The relentless wet weather has certainly caused increased traffic and slowed down commute times. Flooding of cross-river links around Ipswich has also exacerbated congestion on the Centenary Motorway and Moggill Road.

There are also specific longstanding road and public transport infrastructure issues pertaining to suburbs in the electorate of Moggill. In relation to Moggill and Bellbowrie, there are many who have been calling for a feasibility study on bridge infrastructure at Bellbowrie. This needs to be diligently considered via detailed community consultation and careful consideration to avoid any unintended consequences.

Finally, I call on the Palaszczuk state Labor government to invest in a new school hall, performing arts centre and student services administration block, as well as library facilities and classrooms, in accordance with Kenmore State High School's infrastructure master plan. There also must be the delivery of a new high school for residents and families of Mount Crosby, Karana Downs and surrounding areas.

I have discussed all these matters with various government ministers and also met with departmental officials over many years. Further delays are unacceptable, and it is simply unfair when it comes to the needs of local residents for such infrastructure not to be funded.