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 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (6.29 pm): I have risen on a number of occasions in this chamber to talk about how lucky I am to live on the Sunshine Coast and, in fact, how lucky every local on the Sunshine Coast is to live in our beautiful region. Last night we were reminded yet again, with the federal budget showcasing just how much investment is being delivered locally.

I would like to take this opportunity to particularly thank the member for Fairfax, Ted O'Brien, for all of his hard work and advocacy to ensure residents across my electorate of Ninderry and the wider Sunshine Coast receive their fair share. Never before has the Sunshine Coast received so much federal government funding. There would be very few residents who will not directly benefit from the cost-of-living support and other measures unveiled in the Morrison government's budget last night.

This includes more than 77,000 pensioners, disability support recipients, carers and jobseekers who will benefit from the \$250 one-off cost-of-living payment and over 200,000 motorists who will benefit from cheaper fuel, saving 22 cents a litre. More than 3,000 young people from across our region will benefit from incentives for apprentices and trainees while more than 138,000 low- and middle-income earners will receive tax relief of up to \$1,500 this year.

The federal government is also doing the heavy lifting when it comes to investing in our roads and rail infrastructure with an investment of over \$3.2 billion for upgrades to the Bruce Highway, \$390 million for the Beerburrum-Nambour rail duplication and this week's announcement of \$1.6 billion for the long overdue Beerwah-Maroochydore rail line.

In the last six years that Ted O'Brien has been the member for Fairfax he has delivered and secured almost \$5 billion in infrastructure funding alone. This is in stark contrast to the six years of the Labor Rudd-Gillard-Rudd years prior to the election of Ted O'Brien to the electorate of Fairfax. The federal government is also doing the heavy lifting when it comes to housing affordability, extending the home guarantee scheme with an additional 50,000 places each year.

As we approach the eve of the critical time frame to prepare our region for the single most significant event in our lifetime, the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games, it is this type of local federal government representation the Sunshine Coast needs and deserves. When Queenslanders go to the federal poll in May the choice is very clear. While Labor is more concerned about how things look than how they are, it is the Morrison government that is managing the economy by investing in infrastructure, getting Queenslanders into work and training, bailing out our failing health services and supporting the most vulnerable in our community by easing cost-of-living pressures.