




Speech By
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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (5.49 pm): Before I speak to the motion, I acknowledge in the gallery a predecessor of mine and a four-time minister and attorney-general, Matt Foley. It is great to have you here, Matt.

An honourable member interjected.

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

Mr BAILEY: It is an honour to have in the chamber a man who was instrumental in getting rid of the gerrymander in Queensland as a result of the Fitzgerald inquiry. What an honour.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: We are almost there, folks. Let us just try to keep some order until we get there.

Mr BAILEY: They pretend to support the Fitzgerald inquiry, but there are the interjections—actions, not words. This motion should be voted for unanimously. If we had an opposition that stood up for Queensland and stood up to Canberra, it would be a no-brainer to back in this state for our fair share and yet we get those opposite who are Morrison apologists who will back in anything—a falling Prime Minister. This Prime Minister is on his way down because people have worked him out. Whether it is inflation, whether it is the power price surges, whether it is the trillion dollars in debt, whether it is the federal ICAC absence, whether it is his trip to Hawaii—remember him deserting the country during the bushfires and then making people shake his hand involuntarily—this is a Prime Minister who has denied this state our fair share in infrastructure funding.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members will cease the hand gestures.

Mr BAILEY: Cross River Rail is 100 per cent funded by this government after those opposite cut it and the federal government would not contribute to it. It would not fund the M1 on the same basis that it funds other infrastructure, but then quietly it slipped money to it after we had agreed to it. With regard to the Sunshine Coast duplication of the rail line, again it did not give us the NTLN funding for that. One of the worst things—and it is probably not the biggest from a dollar point of view—is how dare it give Queensland flood victims one-third of the short-term financial support of someone in New South Wales. What kind of a heartless—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr BAILEY: This is a Prime Minister who forgot to order the vaccines, who shirked his responsibility on quarantine, who stole the RATs from Queensland Rail and did not order those either, who was slow to respond to the floods here and whose government even gave \$20 million to the Darwin port to sell it off to Chinese interests and then of course there is the Solomon Islands. This—

(Time expired)