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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.15 am): The state budget commits to record levels of funding for health the likes of which this state has never seen. There is also a record level of investment in Queensland roads—infrastructure we need as more and more people move to Queensland thanks to strong leadership during the pandemic by the Premier, Deputy Premier and health minister.

Roads have a critical importance to our state's economic growth, development and connectivity, which is why we are investing in them more than ever. Making our roads safer improves health outcomes for Queenslanders. We are delivering more than \$21 billion worth of road upgrades across our state. This \$21 billion is part of our seventh record \$29.7 billion road and transport plan, and it is over \$600 million more than our last budget. Through this investment we will get Queenslanders home sooner and safer.

Our priority in this budget is to continue to deliver on our commitments—commitments like building the largest road project in Queensland, the \$2.1 billion second M1 on the Gold Coast, which was blocked by those opposite in 2014. We are not ignoring the M1, as those opposite did. We are building multibillion dollar upgrades on the M1, including \$1 billion for new works between Daisy Hill and the Logan Motorway to come over the forward estimates. We are also delivering on the \$1 billion Gateway Motorway upgrade between Bracken Ridge and Pine Rivers. It also includes ramping up our regional commitment to the Inland Freight Route to take trucks off the Bruce Highway, making it safer for local communities and moving freight more efficiently—making our economy stronger.

We are backing the Bruce, with investments like: the Gympie bypass, \$1 billion; Pine Rives to Dohles Rocks Road, \$1.1 billion; the six-laning of Caboolture to Steve Irwin Way in the member for Pumicestone's area, \$662 million; Edmonton to Gordonvale, nearly half a billion dollars; and the Tiaro bypass, \$336 million. There is funding to widen roads, improve safety and plan for future major upgrades around the state. It does not stop there—with more interchange upgrades, more lanes, more intelligent transport systems, more flood resilience across the state and safer roads.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr BAILEY: They are disappointed they do not hear cuts, but we invest and we build. Our investments mean less time in traffic and more time spent with family and friends. This budget delivers for all of Queensland and it dwarfs the horror budgets of the Newman government when sacking, selling and cutting dominated.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr BAILEY: We can tell by the interjections that they still want to do that. They still want to cut, they still want to sack and they still want to sell. Why? Because the old gang is still there—the Leader of the Opposition and the members for Kawana, Chatsworth, Glass House, Clayfield, Everton,

Mudgeeraba, Surfers Paradise, Mermaid Beach, Nanango and Burleigh. The old gang are still in control. Queenslanders can have confidence that our roads investment will build the infrastructure that a growing and booming Queensland needs.