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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Second M1, Delays**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (6.06 pm): Here we are in September 2022 with some of the truth coming out regarding the second M1. Let me expand on that. In 2017 the LNP committed to doing something that this government would not, and that was build the second M1. That was before the 2017 election. We continued to commit to that promise right the way through, until finally in September 2020 we heard from those opposite. The Premier said, 'We'll build the second M1 as an election promise.' In September 2020, she said, 'Construction on the second M1 will start within 12 months.'

Our proposal was criticised by the transport and main roads minister. He said, 'Only four lanes. Only six kilometres. Not good enough.' We said, 'We'll start work and finish this stage in this term.' He said, 'Not good enough. We'll build 16 kilometres. Ours will be six lanes and it will have bike lanes and pedestrian lanes. We'll start building within 12 months.' How did that go?

Well, it was finally announced after the election that: it will be three stages, not one stage; it will not cost \$1.5 billion, but it will cost \$2.1 billion; and it would not start in 2021 but would in fact be mid-2022—but here we are in September 2022 and it still has not started. It is two years down the road and we still have not started. Where are we now? Nowhere. What have we got? We are back to four lanes. We have not started, but we are back to four lanes and there are no bike lanes for the whole 16-kilometre length. We have had a blowout of \$600 million. It has gone from \$1.5 billion to \$2.1 billion, there are no bike lanes and it is only four lanes. Oh, and it has not started yet. Does that sound familiar?

Let me talk about a couple of other projects in the northern Gold Coast. The first is exit 49. They have just started exit 49. They have had the money since 2019. Another is exit 38. The business case was on the minister's desk in November 2018, and there has not been one dollar in any budget since then for exit 38. That is an absolute quagmire every day of the week, including weekends. The Coomera electorate has seen almost 50 per cent growth since 2016, and this government are stuck in the slow lane when it comes to delivering the road infrastructure that we need. It is time for that to change.