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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (7.00 pm): In the next four to six weeks the budget will be handed down. It is important that my seat of Everton is not forgotten. The main issue we have is with regard to roads. We do not ask for much. The intersection of South Pine Road and Stafford Road in my electorate is a choke point which causes major congestion and needs to be addressed. The plans to upgrade that intersection have been around now for 10 years. I give credit to my predecessor, Murray Watt, who brought that about. The plans are sitting on a shelf and they require funding.

Mr Bailey: Why didn't you do it when you came in? You had three years.

Mr MANDER: I will take that interjection. That is an absolute load of rubbish from the transport minister. He has been peddling these mistruths for some time about funding withdrawn. The funding has not been withdrawn, the funding was never there, and we are asking for it so that we can get this upgrade done. Stage 1 was done, which was the Everton Park Link Road, but there will be no advantage from that link road until we get the upgrade of the major intersection. It is a cost of around \$120 million. It is something that the electorate of Everton deserves. It not only affects Everton, but also the northern seat of Pine Rivers, the adjoining seat of Ferny Grove, as well as Stafford. It will benefit a number of electorates. Recently the shadow minister came out to have a look and he could see the problems that that intersection caused.

We are also asking for an upgraded Old Northern Road. All this rain has made it worse. I appreciate the fact that this is happening around the state. Before the rain even started the road surface of Old Northern Road was starting to fall apart. There is a lot of patchwork. This is a major arterial road of the north-west suburbs and it is important that we keep it up to date.

I thank the minister for funding a dangerous spot in my electorate—it only took six or seven letters. I just found out this week that an antislip surface will be put on the intersections of Sizer Street and McIlwraith Street and South Pine Road. This is a known accident spot. I can remember at least six or seven vehicles that have spun out there. Just the other day a motorbike spun out and flipped onto the other side of the road. It is incredibly dangerous. I was going to say it is an accident waiting to happen—accidents have happened. If we do not fix this there will be a fatality. I am grateful that this is being done. This is above politics. We need to ensure that we maintain road safety. It is a simple request. That is all we ask for.