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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Ninderry Electorate, Survey**

 **Mr PURDIE** (Ninderry—LNP) (7.00 pm): I would like to share with the House the results of a survey that I sent out to my electorate late last year. In that survey, I asked my community for their top three local issues. The results were not necessarily surprising but they are concerning. Given recent statistics which revealed the poor performance of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and Nambour Hospital, I was not surprised to learn that the health crisis is still the top local issue in my electorate. Recent performance data showed that both of these hospitals were amongst the worst in the state for both urgent and non-urgent surgeries—failing to meet all wait time thresholds. Despite the best efforts of our local hardworking medical professionals, Sunshine Coast residents are concerned with delays in receiving timely treatment at our public hospitals, combined with some of the worst ramping rates in the country.

The issue that came in next was cost of living. If the rising costs of groceries, fuel, housing and electricity were not bad enough, the Palaszczuk Labor government has hit Queenslanders with no fewer than eight new taxes. Despite their promise of no new taxes, we know this government have form when it comes to money. When they run out, they come after yours—just like we have seen with their recent attempts to tax renters and patients—and there is still no cost-of-living relief for the thousands of residents in my electorate who are struggling to make ends meet.

The third biggest issue is the condition of our roads. While we have secured initial funding to bust congestion and improve road safety in Coolumb, our local road network has been ignored over three successive terms of this Labor government. Investment in roads has not kept pace with population growth on the Sunshine Coast, and in my electorate of Ninderry there are a number of major arterial roads in desperate need of an upgrade. These include Old Maroochydore Road, which was recently listed in RACQ's list of top 10 worst roads, along with the western section of the Yandina Coolumb Road and the Eumundi Noosa Road.

As we have heard in the chamber today, this government has failed Queenslanders when it comes to law and order, but let us not forget the other victims of this government's incompetence. Patients left to live in agony while they wait for urgent surgery and families struggling to keep a roof over their heads are also victims of this tired third-term Labor government who have given up on listening. Those families forced to live in their car because they can no longer afford to pay their rent are also victims. The thousands of motorists on our roads who waste time and money being stuck in the gridlock of our failing road network deserve better. I will never trivialise the pain and suffering of any victim, especially victims of crime, but it is clear that residents in my electorate and across our state are not receiving the basic services they expect and rightly deserve.