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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (5.58 pm): Tonight I welcome to the public gallery the Kawana Chamber of Commerce. Buckle up! No, it is okay; this is a good one.

An opposition member: They're all good!

Mr BLEIJIE: They are all good. I particularly acknowledge the president, Hamish, and vice-president, Daniel—who has just become a father for the first time—and Alister and Jacqueline on the committee and also Councillor Joe Natoli who is visiting from our area as well. It is great to have you in the public gallery tonight. The Kawana Chamber of Commerce is a great business organisation connecting wonderful Kawana businesses on the Sunshine Coast. In the good times, the bad times and the hard times, it is always there for our business community. I want to give a shout-out to the Kawana Chamber of Commerce for all of the mentorship and programs it has put in place for our wonderful small business community on the Sunshine Coast, particularly in the Kawana electorate.

I want to address some of the issues that are important to me as the local member for Kawana, and one of course is the Sunshine Coast direct heavy passenger rail connecting Beerwah to Caloundra to Kawana to Maroochydore. I call on Minister Mark Bailey, who is in the House tonight, to fund the Sunshine Coast direct passenger rail.

Mr BAILEY: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Honourable members interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Bush): Order, members! I will hear the point of order in silence.

Mr BAILEY: Is this the line that the member did nothing about when he was in power—absolutely nothing?

Honourable members interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: There is no point of order, Minister.

Mr BLEIJIE: For the visitors in the gallery, that is Minister Mark Bailey who has failed to deliver the Sunshine Coast heavy passenger rail, failed to deliver roads such as the Mooloolah River interchange and failed to deliver all of the infrastructure that we so desperately need for the Sunshine Coast community.

Mr BAILEY: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Bush): Member for Kawana, I do not need any more calling out. I will hear the point of order in silence. You will be warned next time.

Mr BAILEY: I point out to the member that the microphone system is actually working.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, that was a frivolous point of order. If that occurs again you will be warned under the standing orders.

Mr POWELL: Madam Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr Crisafulli interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Broadwater, you will be warned. I will hear the point of order in silence. If there are further interjections I will start to issue warnings.

Mr POWELL: Madam Deputy Speaker, I acknowledge your ruling. That was indeed the second frivolous point of order taken by the minister and, therefore, I suggest that a warning is due now.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member. I am comfortable with my decision. Thank you for pointing that out but we will keep things moving.

Mr BLEIJIE: This is the non-controversial adjournment speech. I want to talk about the Sunshine Coast Stadium expansion. The government have announced that, during the Olympics, the stadium will host the basketball. I call on the state and the council to consult with our community, particularly the Kawana junior and senior rugby league clubs that will uprooted and pushed out. I call on the mayor of the Sunshine Coast Council to consult with our community about what the future holds for those Rugby League clubs.

The Kawana Football Club is in the grand final this weekend and to them I say, 'Good luck!' We have some fantastic Kawana sporting organisations. The division 1 men's team is in the grand final this weekend. I say, 'Go the banana army!' They are the yellow banana army of Kawana. Good luck to the division 1 men of the Kawana Football Club and the division 1 women of the Kawana Football Club for the grand final this weekend.

Let us talk about law and order. We need more police in Kawana. We need more police resources in Kawana. We need road upgrades in Kawana. We need the Mooloolah River Interchange. We need the Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line to give the Sunshine Coast community the infrastructure that is so desperately lacking and that has been neglected by the state Labor government for many years. I call on Minister Bailey to come to the Sunshine Coast to talk about the infrastructure that is needed on the Sunshine Coast. I thank the Kawana Chamber of Commerce for joining us tonight.

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