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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services) (5.17 pm): Here we go again! I was the transport minister in the months before the Commonwealth Games. What did we get from those opposite? We got total hysteria. The M1 was not going to work, the transport plan was going to fail, everything was going to go to pot. What actually happened? On the first day of the Commonwealth Games the transport plan worked beautifully.

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr BAILEY: The member for Chatsworth had egg all over his face, as did the Leader of the Opposition. They tried to scare everybody, and none of it eventuated. Here we go again! They did that two or three months before the Commonwealth Games. Here they are nine years early this time. Nine years before the games and we have these silly political games from an opposition that spent most of the short time they were in government trying to wriggle out of the Commonwealth Games—getting legal advice. It makes me wonder what kind of Olympic and Paralympic Games we would have if the LNP were in power? We would not have it for a start because Cross River Rail was fundamental to our successful application. They cut it and then they promised to cut it again. In 2017 they promised to cut it again.

When it comes to cutting, those opposite are gold medal experts. In fact, it is worth thinking about what the games would look like under them given their obsession for cutting. We would probably have the 80-metre sprint. We would probably have the opening ceremony conducted by the member for Kawana with bikies in pink jumpsuits. We would probably have one-on-one basketball. We would probably have the 'bicathlon'—all because of the cuts. However, I digress.

Mr Deputy Speaker, if you want to see a lot of the infrastructure for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, all you need do is to look up a copy of QTRIP because a lot of our investments for the games have already been announced and are already funded. The planning for the Sunshine Coast direct line, for instance, is underway. Now that we have a federal government that is interested in the Sunshine Coast, unlike the lazy Sunshine Coast LNP MPs—

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, member for Kawana!

Mr BAILEY:—we have the planning underway to do the necessary work—after a decade of nothing and a whole term of nothing. The Leader of the Opposition was there in the Newman government when they cut, cut and cut.

Mr Crandon interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Coomera!

Mr BAILEY: Twenty-two of the 34 members of the opposition today are former members of the Newman government. They have not changed. They are all still there. Look at them!

Mr Nicholls interjected.

Mr BAILEY: The member for Clayfield is still there.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Clayfield!

Mr BAILEY: He melted down three times in the last week before the state election. He is the meltdown master.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Members, the level of interjections is excessive. I will start to warn people. I have indicated to a number of members by name that you are straying into territory where I may consider warning you. I ask that you heed that warning if I am naming you in that way.

Mr BAILEY: When we came to office there were no preparations of note for the Commonwealth Games. There was no light rail planned or funded by the Newman government. The Commonwealth Games would have been a disaster without light rail stage 2 connecting with heavy rail to give people from Brisbane a public transport option to get to the games.

Whenever those opposite talk about public transport, we know they are in opposition because when they are in government they never fund public transport; they only cut it. Cross River Rail—cut. Did they do anything about a Sunshine Coast direct line? No. The Newman government had every seat on the Sunshine Coast. What did they achieve? Nothing. We have the amateur thespian over there—

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Kawana!

Mr BAILEY:—who was busy embarrassing them in the legal fraternity. He was not delivering for the local community.

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Kawana, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr BAILEY: We know they will cut. That is what they do. They have said it themselves. The shadow Treasurer said he has \$10 billion in cuts all ready to go. The member for Chatsworth said he has billions in savings. He is 'pruning'. They have said it themselves. It does not make any sense for them to be attacking us when we know how to fund infrastructure through progressive royalties. We have loyalty to the progressive royalties, but they do not. We know that they would cut them too.

We know they are not interested in infrastructure for the games, for a growing population or for the state in any shape or form because they have not changed. Twenty-two out of 34 opposition members are Newman government leftovers. Look at them over there—sad and sorry and bitter. Nothing has changed. The former member for Mundingburra is leading them. He is just the same as the sorry old leaders before him. I commend the amendment to the House.

(Time expired)