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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.55 pm): The LNP have the right priorities for Queensland's future. Those priorities include saving Queenslanders from paying for Labor's failures, including reducing Labor government waste rather than hitting Queenslanders with higher taxes and fees and identifying opportunities to reduce fees and charges; and delivering better services and infrastructure for every taxpayer dollar invested. An LNP government will use a reinstated Productivity Commission to ensure every dollar that is collected achieves the maximum possible value for Queenslanders.

As an example of cost blowouts, we saw the cost of the Coomera Connector stage 1 blow out from \$1.5 billion and six lanes of road before the 2020 election to more than \$2.1 billion and four lanes of road. That blowout is a direct result of this Labor government being stuck in the slow lane, delaying the construction start date by years. Now we are told the completion of the Coomera Connector is 10 to 15 years away. We will actively look at attracting economic investment to Queensland, not scaring businesses away due to sovereign risk concerns. We will properly maintain our power plants to ensure certainty of electricity supply at peak times.

Driving down the cost of living by reducing the impact of crime on insurance premiums is a high priority. Many Queenslanders have seen their home and contents insurance, motor vehicle insurance and small business insurance skyrocket as a direct result of the increasing crime in our communities. Driving down the cost of living by reducing traffic congestion by investing in road infrastructure is a priority. Driving down the cost of living by investing in natural disaster mitigation is a priority. The Darlington Range in the Coomera electorate is a tinderbox with very little in the way of hazard reduction burns being completed in recent years. Once again, insurance premiums are impacted by natural disasters.

Reducing state and local government red tape for individuals and businesses and streamlining government processes that are stifling small and family businesses is a priority. Another priority is increasing opportunities and productivity for small and family businesses and their staff by investing in vocational training and skills for the future. Another is delivering the opportunities for small and family businesses to compete for state government work and improving payment terms for small and family businesses. As the Leader of the Opposition and the member for my neighbouring seat of Broadwater, David Crisafulli, said, Queensland needs stability, tax certainty and less regulation, not the steepest cost-of-living increase in the country.

On another subject, I have sponsored two petitions calling for sound barriers at exit 41 of the M1 and at Coomera Springs. When publicising these petitions, a massive issue has come to light with these two areas being just the tip of the iceberg. There are so many other residents identifying other areas of the M1 where sound barriers are desperately needed. We call on the state government to deliver those sound barriers for the people of the northern Gold Coast all the way along the M1.