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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Ms SIMPSON** (Maroochydore—LNP) (2.19 pm): Transport planning is in chaos and crisis on the Sunshine Coast after cuts, delays and cover-ups to road, rail and bus transport projects in the last two weeks by this Labor government. There is confusion rather than clarity over Labor's plans which will frustrate rather than help the 360,000 residents as they try to get to work, school, the shops or the hospital. This is due to major cuts to an approved \$320 million project over the Mooloolah River, the MRI; Labor walking away from getting rail to Maroochydore in time for the Olympics, or at any time; and Labor pushing out the Sunshine Coast transport plan, whatever that is, until 2025.

Labor have not only walked away from rail to Maroochydore; they have walked away from even getting faster buses from Caloundra to Maroochydore under the recent announcements by cutting the funding from the Mooloolah River Interchange. It is shambolic. After spending \$30 million in transport planning and business cases, this government will not release all the business cases in full. It is causing economic and social sabotage for the whole of the Sunshine Coast. For the benefit of the members for Nicklin and Caloundra, they are your electorates too. They have been shunted and they have been shafted. This affects the whole of the Sunshine Coast.

Secrecy does not deliver solutions; it delivers scepticism about this government's competence and intentions, with their lack of a plan for all of the Sunshine Coast transport. Release the full rail business case. Let us see the full rail business case. Interestingly, the benefit-cost ratio in this little reheated summary internal document of DTMR—it is not the business case—had a worse benefit-cost ratio than the Mooloolah River Interchange. We support rail from Caloundra to Maroochydore, but what we saw with this government is that the Mooloolah River Interchange had a P90 rated business case but something like a 4 for a BCR. This project has been shunted. It has been shafted and cut by this government while other projects that have also had huge blowouts with much lower BCRs have got funding under this government.

If they do not do the Mooloolah River Interchange, people will not even be able to get out of traffic and travel from Caloundra to Maroochydore if they work across the Sunshine Coast. Rail, road and buses have been absolutely shambolically shafted by this government's incompetence. They now have yet another business case—a \$15 million business case—that will not work because they have cut the projects that it needs to work.