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ADJOURNMENT

Gold Coast Light Rail

 **Mrs GERBER** (Currumbin—LNP) (10.27 pm): When it comes to light rail on the southern Gold Coast, Labor are hell-bent on railroading our community, but my community knows that the LNP is listening and that we are genuine about consultation. If there is a change in government in October, the LNP will send light rail stage 4 back to the drawing board for proper consultation so that all groups and all modes can be considered—including heavy rail, electric buses and the east-west connections—so that the southern Gold Coast can finally get the transport solutions that stack up and that are supported by the community.

While this tired, third-term Labor government has given up on listening to our community, the LNP will give residents a say on all options. The LNP will release the details of work done to date, and the LNP will deliver a solution that is affordable and that serves the needs of the local community.

Under this Labor government, light rail stage 3 cost blowouts have increased an eye-watering 72 per cent. The member for Burleigh, the fantastic candidate for Burleigh, Hermann Vorster, and I have been fighting for our community to be heard on light rail for years. This is in stark contrast to this Labor government, who is all talk when it comes to transparency and consultation.

Under Labor, for years our community has had to bear the brunt of insufficient transport, inadequate infrastructure and the total car park that is the M1. Even the M1 upgrade that was meant to be delivered by 2023 has now blown out to some time in 2024. This tired, stale, third-term Labor government cannot be trusted to deliver those transport solutions. I have a very simple message for our community. If you want a say on all transport options, if you want transparency and the details of the report released and made public, and if you want a transport solution that is affordable and delivers for our community then there is only one option: our community must show Labor the door in 2024. If we do not then we will end up with the same old tired solutions that railroad our community, that do not consult with our community and that will not deliver for our community.

The LNP will ensure that consultation is genuine. We will ensure that it is sent back to the drawing board and that all routes and all modes are considered. This state Labor government needs to be shown the door in 2024.

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