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 **Mrs GERBER** (Currumbin—LNP) (10.11 pm): These are the Labor government's broken promises to our Currumbin community. Labor went to the 2020 election saying that they would fast-track the M1 upgrade to Tugun and that it would be completed by 2023. It is now 2024 and—surprise, surprise—this project has blown out by \$150 million, and guess what? The minister is now saying that it will be opened in stages! I can reveal that it appears the M1 upgrade to Tugun will not be opened fully until 2026-27. That is a broken promise to our Currumbin community.

There is the Currumbin Creek Road and Bienvenue Drive intersection upgrade. Again, in 2020 Labor promised this would be delivered for our community. Four years later, it has not even started and the project has blown out to \$10 million. The upgrade to Toolona Street and the Gold Coast Highway intersection: again, Labor promised to fix this intersection. Guess what? They have put in some pedestrian gates and that is it! They have said it is not going to be touched until they railroad our community with the light rail. There is the Currumbin Creek Active Transport Bridge. At the 2020 election, Labor went to the community promising a business case. Guess what? Four years on and there is no business case!

The Gold Coast World Surfing Reserve: at the 2020 election, this Labor government promised to legislate the World Surfing Reserve. Guess what? Four years later and there is no legislation and no protection for our World Surfing Reserve. It is another broken promise to our community. There is the Currumbin Eco-Parkland. At the 2020 election, our community was promised one of the largest parklands in the Southern Hemisphere. It is now 2024 and can our community access that parkland? No! What has been delivered in that parkland? Nothing! Our community has been absolutely deceived by this government, election after election. Election after election, we have had broken promises and nothing more than a litany of promises such as I have just rattled off.

The biggest broken promise of all is the promise that this state government made to our community in 2020 to keep our community safe. The people of Currumbin just have to ask themselves: do they feel safer now than they did nine years ago, when this Labor government came to power? The people of my community, particularly in Currumbin Waters, know that the answer is no. On the weekend, knife-wielding teenagers ransacked through Currumbin Waters and the people of Currumbin have had a gutful—I withdraw. The people of Currumbin do not feel safe anymore and they do not feel safe because this Labor government watered down the laws. We need change in 2024.

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