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Road Infrastructure

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (7.09 pm): With the budget only six weeks away, I would like to bring to the House's attention some issues in my electorate that I would love to see addressed. I notice that the main roads minister is here. Most of these issues refer to road issues in my electorate. This will possibly be the seventh or eighth time that I have stood up, before the budget, to speak about the intersection at the corner of South Pine Road and Stafford Road at Everton Park, right outside my office. That intersection is a major choke point for the north-west suburbs. Everyone who travels from Cashmere, Brendale, Warner, Albany Creek, Eatons Hill or McDowall and passes through that area on their way to work constantly complains about the delays. The intersection is not square. The plans have been ready for many years—in fact, since before my time. My predecessor, Murray Watt—I will give him credit for that—had the plans drawn up for that intersection, yet to date there is still no funding to fix up that choke point in the north-western suburbs.

The other issue causing concern in my electorate is the surface of Old Northern Road immediately outside the Bunyaville Conservation Park, which is right on the border of Brisbane City and Moreton Bay, right through the Jinker Track. That road was resurfaced around 10 years ago but it is breaking up again. Potholes are being filled every day. It is a major arterial road that deserves the best surface. I am asking again for the government to provide funding for that particular road not only for people's comfort but also because it is a road safety issue and there is the potential for damage to cars as they navigate the potholes.

The third road issue I would like to bring to the attention of the House is not in my electorate but immediately outside my electorate and that is the Linkfield Road overpass. Funding for this overpass has been promised by the state government on numerous occasions. It is frequently hit by trucks on the main highway, which then closes the bridge or makes it not as accessible as normal and limits the traffic flow there. This issue needs to be resolved. It is in the electorate of Aspley, the minister's own seat, and all he does is blame others, including the federal government which has provided the funding. Our electorate deserves better roads.