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 **Ms BUSH** (Cooper—ALP) (2.12 pm): We are desperate in the western suburbs for a comprehensive transport plan—one that prioritises sustainable, active and public transport options. It is an issue that I have spoken about in here before. Before the election I managed to secure about \$300,000 in funding through the department of transport. That funding was provided to Brisbane City Council to undertake a comprehensive transport study for our main arterial roads—Waterworks and Musgrave roads. We have heard nothing since, despite the fact that the Brisbane City Council recently altered these roads to pretty much declare them a permanent clearway, giving residents and businesses less than two weeks to prepare for that. Why the urgency? We know the reason for this clearway change is that the state government is now looking to open up additional development through the Upper Kedron area and support that through connecting roads from Upper Kedron via a sealed road onto the Mount Nebo Road. We know that council recently purchased land adjacent to Upper Kedron to do just that. Council needs to come clean with our residents on its plans.

In light of that, the need for sustainable transport planning for our community is now urgent. I have followed up and followed up with council. I have also reached out to the transport minister, trying to ask how that \$300,000 was allocated and spent. Was a transport study undertaken, because it certainly does not cost \$300,000 to bang up a couple of clearway signs? That funding could have gone towards an actual plan for our suburbs. The Civic Cabinet Chair of Brisbane City Council's Public Transport Committee, Councillor Andrew Wines, is on the public record stating that it was never received, despite the fact that funding was recorded and made available through QTRIP documents. Our residents and businesses want this clarified and, importantly, we want action on the promised comprehensive transport planning that we were promised for the growing western suburbs. Residents and businesses on Waterworks Road would also love a meeting with council representatives—something that Councillor Wines promised in a radio interview and has since failed to deliver on. These are residents who now are having tradies pull out of work on their homes, leaving jobs incomplete, and older folk whose support workers cannot pull up and park safely anymore on a clearway and who now cannot have meals delivered.

This is urgent. It was urgent in June when we first asked for the meeting and it is urgent now. The LNP promotes itself as the party for small businesses. Dozens of businesses have been completely shafted by Adrian Schrinner—businesses that now cannot receive deliveries, that no longer have parking options for their customers, that were told they would be visited by council officers and that options and solutions would be worked through. They are still waiting now. We are simply asking for some engagement from Brisbane City Council following its decision to open up the clearway, which has had a tremendous and devastating impact on the residents and businesses located on that road.