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 **Ms MORTON** (Caloundra—LNP) (2.03 pm): I rise today with excitement about what is being delivered in my community and to speak directly about traffic congestion in the area. As has been well documented in my contributions in this House, the No. 1 issue for the people of the Caloundra electorate is traffic congestion. I am honoured and pleased to reconfirm the actions the LNP Crisafulli government is taking to address such a significant need in our community.

The Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan is a comprehensive body of work to deliver five key road projects. Our community has experienced huge population growth without matching infrastructure to address the growth, and after a decade of neglect by the former government the impacts are well-known. The Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan includes the Caloundra Transport Corridor Upgrade, CTCU, an alternative access road into Caloundra from Nicklin Way, and it is ready to go. It is only awaiting the Sunshine Coast's referral to the EPBC to be granted approval. It also includes an overpass at Kawana Way, a huge project that will allow traffic to flow both in and out of Aura and keep Caloundra Road moving.

Traffic congestion is not just about building roads; it is about active transport and public transport. This LNP government is also undertaking an active transport pilot program right in the heart of Caloundra. In conjunction with Caloundra State School and Caloundra High School, \$3 million has been allocated to address the pain points of how our kids get to and from school. I have said it before and I will say it again: as a society, we want our children to get to and from school independently and safely whilst reducing our dependence on cars and roads. This pilot program will be instrumental in finding and addressing those pain points in our active transport networks.

We can also celebrate the Wave direct rail, connecting Beerwah, Caloundra, Aroona, Birtinya and then the metro system all the way to the airport. This public transport network is something the Sunshine Coast has never had before. I believe it is the most exciting and impactful project we will experience and it will be foundational in terms of revolutionising how we get around. I can also announce to the people of Caloundra that the alignment of the Wave project maps has gone live today. The Wave also brings additional benefits to Caloundra, including an active transport pathway down the sports field side of Pelican Waters Boulevard and an intersection opposite North Street. For the first time ever our kids, bike riders and scooters will be able to cross this road safely.

We also have joint funding with council to deliver the C2C Caloundra to Currimundi bikeway, a key project for safe and usable bikeways to make active transport a viable way to get around our area. Stockland has commenced the duplication of Aura Boulevard and continues to keep me updated with progress. This is much needed infrastructure for people travelling through the new Aura suburbs. All residents of Caloundra can have a positive impact on traffic congestion, and I thank the Caloundra Residents Association, Prue Oswin and the Sunshine Coast Bicycle Users Group for their ongoing input into transport modalities and the best outcomes for Caloundra.