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 **Mr de BRENNI** (Springwood—ALP) (9.00 pm): This parliament plays an important role in shining a light on government accountability. The community that I am grateful to represent has strong views on many matters of this government's accountability or otherwise. Tonight, I will address just two of those in the short time that I have. I start by putting the LNP government on notice about our big infrastructure projects—the M1 expansion and the extension of the busway. Before I do, I acknowledge the nation's Treasurer, Jim Chalmers, for his strong support of those two incredibly important projects. The Rochedale park-and-ride is a critical piece of community infrastructure, funded by Labor in government.

Ms McMillan interjected.

Mr de BRENNI: I take the interjection from the member for Mansfield—it sure is. As she knows, this station was expected to be open and ready for the start of 2025, yet tonight, as I speak, the gates are locked and no-one can get in. We cannot use it but, for all intents and purposes, the project is finished. The signs are up, the asphalt is laid and even the service boards for the buses have been lit up for months now. It is time this LNP government rolled up its sleeves, got this project finished and started the next stage to Daisy Hill. If the LNP is standing in the way of this project, it should get out of the way.

Our community is also calling on the government to support our frontline police. Concerns are high in the community I represent regarding our police beats and their status and staffing. I can inform the parliament tonight that I have been advised that vacant positions within our police beats have not been backfilled by the Crisafulli LNP government. In fact, we need more police.

Mr Purdie interjected.

Mr de BRENNI: The Minister for Police laughs about it. The citizens of Rochedale South are not laughing. I have been defending police beats for a decade, and I welcome the local councillor also raising the alarm about LNP plans to close the Rochedale South Police Beat because after that we saw an embarrassing backdown from the Minister for Police. It took local community members to mobilise the police, not the LNP government or the minister.

The flying squad is welcome but, when the flying squad moves on, we need local guaranteed resourcing. Tonight, we call on the LNP to guarantee that our local police beats and stations will remain operational and fully staffed. For a government who say they are about keeping Queenslanders safe, why would they even consider closing down police stations in the electorate that I represent?

During the election campaign, Queenslanders were told the LNP would deliver. David Crisafulli said Queenslanders could trust him. How can they? We are over three months in and the community is already doing this bad government's heavy lifting.