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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (9.34 pm): Mount Cotton Road is a significant arterial road into Cleveland and the Redlands. However, for many years it has been a constant headache for locals owing to the many accidents that occur along it because of dangerous sections of the road. During peak times the road suffers constantly from congestion. Mount Cotton Road needs upgrading and duplication urgently.

I welcome the recent \$6 million worth of road upgrades that have taken place to sections of Mount Cotton Road. This work came as a response to lobbying by me and the member for Mansfield while we were in government and, more recently, with the assistance of Matt McEachan, the member for Redlands. The upgrades include road widening and resurfacing works, which will provide a much safer trip and ease of congestion for many Redlanders who travel daily to work in the city. It is estimated that something like 60 per cent of all Redlanders leave the council region every day for work in other parts of the city.

Of that \$6 million in funding, \$2 million was spent on safety improvement works and on widening the centre lines, providing more room between inbound and outbound traffic. Resurfacing has finished now on the Mount Cotton Road and Redland Bay Road roundabout and along Mount Cotton Road between Moxon Road and Priest Gully, Alperton Road and Tingalpa Creek Bridge, and Valley Way and Lakeside Drive. The total cost of the resurfacing, including one other area of the Redlands, came to \$4 million.

Why are these upgrades so important? There are too many accidents on Mount Cotton Road owing to speed and the narrowing of the road in various sections. As I live not far away from that part of Mount Cotton Road, I hear many collisions. Unfortunately, from time to time I see accidents that result in people being badly hurt. Further steps are needed to be taken to make this road even safer. These recent measures really go only part of the way to fixing the problem.

A duplication of the road between Mackenzie and Sheldon is really needed. That is a longer term project, but one that needs to be undertaken. Along with my fellow state member for Redlands, Matt McEachan, I believe that more has to be done to Mount Cotton Road. On behalf of Redlanders, we will continue to fight for, most importantly, a safe but speedy journey in and outbound along this section of road. I welcome the work that has been done recently and maintain my commitment to continue campaigning for the full duplication of Mount Cotton Road.