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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (11.37 pm): In the electorate of Cleveland, the Shore and Wellington streets intersection has been in desperate need of upgrading for some time. I have spoken about it many times in this House and I rise tonight to do so again. The people of Cleveland and indeed the greater Redlands overwhelmingly welcomed the recent announcement of the federal LNP government's funding of \$3½ million for upgrading this notoriously dangerous intersection. The project is underway, as the federal member for Bowman, Andrew Laming, has begun communications with Senator the Hon. Fiona Nash to commence the process.

Labor could not achieve it in 14 years, and now another two budget years, because they are asleep at the wheel. It has taken an LNP government to get things moving again. Discussions will soon commence with the state government and the Redland City Council to work together to provide this much needed upgrade. I call on the state government members to stop talking the project down—point taken today—and to put their support behind it.

I turn now to public transport car parking. The Cleveland station redevelopment and related commuter car-parking issues at that station and at Birkdale station are important matters for locals. It would appear that the government has—

Government members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Government members, it is getting late. We have two more speakers. I would urge you to consider your comments.

Dr ROBINSON: It would appear that the government has no immediate plans to increase parking at Birkdale station, despite a project to do so having been on the drawing board for many years.

A government member interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: You will be warned. You will set a record soon.

Dr ROBINSON: The car parks were promised and there was a community expectation. However, it has gone mysteriously quiet. Frustrated commuters complain that there is never enough parking at Cleveland station. At a time when governments are encouraging the use of public transport, it has to be questioned why appropriate facilities are not being made available. The redevelopment of Cleveland station should have brought much extra commuter parking—that was the original plan—but the very low number has created angst amongst residents who live in the immediate vicinity and those who utilise the station for their daily commute. My consultations with the community have revealed high levels of objection to this development among nearby residents. Body corporates around the area are very unhappy and object to it in its current form, particularly around the parking.

The missing car parks have been found. Instead of them being at Cleveland and Birkdale stations, they have now been given to the neighbouring Labor electorate of Capalaba, at the Thorneside Railway Station. In June this year, Thorneside station received a commitment of funds for an additional 44 car parks. This deliberate switch is nothing less than Labor pork-barrelling and a raid on Cleveland car parks. It is a broken promise, leaving an increase of only 17 commuter car parks for Cleveland station. Tonight I announce that I am withdrawing my support for the redevelopment of Cleveland station in its present form due to the low car park numbers and development change of use. I call on the government to urgently review the situation.