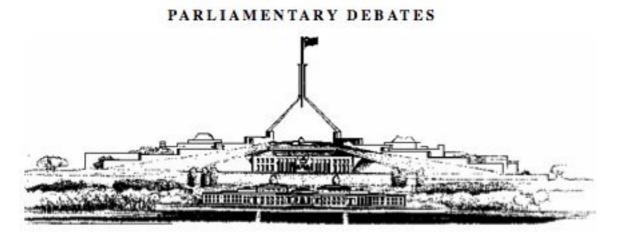


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Mr TED O'BRIEN (Fairfax) (13:30): There are fewer greater honours than to represent people in this chamber, in Australia's parliament. I can't tell you how grateful I am every single day to represent the people of Fairfax on Australia's beautiful Sunshine Coast. Together, as a community, we have already achieved so much. When I was first elected the message I received from the community was to focus on infrastructure. I am delighted to report that since then we have had enormous wins: \$3.2 billion for the Bruce Highway, \$390 million for the North Coast rail line, a \$180 million concessional loan for the Sunshine Coast Airport, \$160 million for the Sunshine Motorway, a \$1.6 billion commitment for rail through to the Maroochydore CBD. But you can't just be thinking about what has been committed or delivered, you have to look to the future and that's why I launched the biggest survey. I am calling on residents across Fairfax to tell me what they want my priority to be as their federal MP as we move forward. Already over 1,400 people in Fairfax have responded to the biggest survey. It is going to stay open until the end of April. Please go to tedobrien.com.au and have your say.