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**Mr MORRIS** (Mornington) — The Brumby government has completely failed to provide for the rapidly increasing population of Melbourne's fringe and particularly for the Mornington Peninsula.

Eleven years and more than \$300 billion after its election there has been next to no improvement in basic infrastructure. Despite rapid population growth in the Mornington district there has been spectacularly little investment in either physical or social infrastructure.

There is no better example of this than the chaotic traffic conditions on Mornington-Tyabb Road. A decade or more of sustained housing development in the East Mornington area has led to a huge increase in the number of cars using the road each day. However, the last time any serious works were done was when the council, of which I was a member, built a roundabout at the intersection with Dunns Road in the early 1990s.

This is not a council road; it is VicRoads responsibility, but the government refuses to meet that obligation. It is too busy spending a fortune on fairy lights and advertising to do the necessary work to keep our roads up to standard.

Speaking of infrastructure failures, the latest monthly rail reliability figures show the Frankston line again got the wooden spoon for punctuality. It was the worst line in the state, with more than one in five trains more than 5 minutes late.

The Frankston line did a little better on the cancellations front — it was only the fourth worst out of a total of 16.

It is time for the government to stop taking peninsula people for granted and start providing the basic services to which all Victorians are entitled.