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**Mr ABBOTT** (Warringah—Leader of the Opposition) (15:11): I wish to make a personal explanation.

The SPEAKER: Does the honourable member claim to have been misrepresented?

**Mr ABBOTT:** Yes.

The SPEAKER: Please proceed.

**Mr ABBOTT:** I wish to raise two particular misrepresentations today. The first by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport who claimed that I said, 'If we are elected we will form an organisation called Infrastructure Australia.' I never said that. The newspaper in question corrected the quotation in subsequent editions. A further misrepresentation was in a dodger distributed in his electorate. The member for Corio—

**Mr Albanese:** Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I ask the Leader of the Opposition to table the correction so at least we can see it.

The SPEAKER: The Leader of the House will resume his seat. The Leader of the Opposition has the call.

**Mr ABBOTT:** In a dodger distributed in his electorate, the member for Corio claimed, 'Tony Abbott gave up and said, "Geelong may no longer be in the years ahead a motor manufacturing city." I added, 'But it can be a city of learning, a city of administration, a city of culture, and I look forward to working with the people of Geelong ... to try and bring that about.' (*Time expired*)