



Speech by

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CASEY'S ROAD BUS SERVICE; ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Mr CRANDON (Coomera—LNP) (10.01 pm): I rise to talk about a wonderful thing that occurred recently in Casey's Road in the Coomera electorate. Residents of the Casey's Road community have been fighting for the restoration of their bus service which was terminated abruptly and without prior notice by TransLink last year. A dedicated push by the residents and months of persistence with TransLink has finally paid off. I was pleased to be part of the push to restore the service. Amazingly, however, there was a report in the paper from the member from Broadwater talking about how wonderful it was that the Casey's Road service had been restored, yet the member for Broadwater did not want to know the people in Casey's Road when Casey's Road was in the Broadwater electorate.

Ms CROFT: I rise to a point of order. I find the comments by the member for Coomera offensive and I ask for them to be withdrawn.

Ms DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member will withdraw.

Mr CRANDON: I withdraw. The people in Casey's Road were absolutely gobsmacked to see that material in the newspaper and, in fact, they did write a letter to the newspaper pointing out the inaccuracy of that particular information.

The bus stop is just a short walk from the entrance to the Sanctuary Cove residential precinct and much closer than the Sanctuary Cove Village bus stop to both the people who reside in Casey's Road and the people of Sanctuary Cove. Five daily services began on 5 October and will continue for a trial period until April 2010. Following discussions with TransLink, I expect that within a 12-month time frame a full review of bus services throughout the northern Gold Coast area will occur with a view to better serving the residents in this fast growing corridor.

In the northern end of the electorate we have an ecofriendly builder. Mitchell Enviro Industrial Estate has won the 2009 Queensland Professional Excellence Award in the environmentally sustainable development category. Developer Bruce Mitchell decided to create something special six years ago. I regard him as the Michelangelo of the sustainable building industry and someone who can lead others and set environmental standards. Bruce has developed Australia's first totally self-sustaining and carbon-neutral industrial estate. The estate took shape from a block of land six years ago and Bruce knew exactly what it would look like today. His goal was to eventually house 52 booths within an eco display centre with information about products that will make a positive impact on the environment. Features of the estate include a solar power system so the estate can operate free of the electricity grid. Recycled materials have been used wherever possible in all construction on the estate. I commend Bruce Mitchell for his efforts.