



Speech by

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GOLD COAST RAIL LINE

Mr CRANDON (Coomera—LNP) (5.18 pm): These were the words that we heard just two days ago from the member for Waterford in a matters of public interest debate—

When it comes to supporting the Gold Coast rail line, the LNP will not stand up for it; they will only stand against government investment in public transport.

I am absolutely gobsmacked by those words. I have to say that the irony is that I have asked the member for Waterford to support me on the Gold Coast rail line in the many times that I have spoken in this House and in the many times that I have written to the minister on behalf of constituents and asked questions on notice. I have been looking for support and what have I had? I have had absolute silence.

The member for Waterford erred in his estimation that the LNP has not stood up. I stand here today to say yet again that I certainly have stood up for the people of the Gold Coast line and he has not. TransLink regrets any discomfort my constituent may have experienced on her regular journey and are currently working on ways to reduce the overcrowding she has described. That statement is in yet another letter from the minister telling a constituent they are trying to fix the problems on the Gold Coast line. We know that is not true. We know that the minister will not spend a dollar on another train in peak hours on that line. Let me quickly go through a response from my constituent—

A little while ago I emailed you with comments on transport available between Ormeau and the city. Like yourself I was disappointed by the response. The suggestion that I could possibly use the park and ride at Eight Mile Plains was another stupid suggestion and really only highlighted the fact that there isn't anything closer to me that I can utilise. I did so. After dropping my daughter off at school I then proceeded to the area at Eight Mile Plains some half an hour's drive away. What happened? No parking available. I parked a kilometre away from the station and then knowing full well that I had to walk back to my car at 7 o'clock at night in the dark on my own. Not happy and not looking forward to my walk this evening. I will enjoy my walk, however, to the ballot box this weekend. Kind regards, Angela.