



Speech by

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## **GOLD COAST RAIL LINE**

**Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (10.10 pm): The Gold Coast rail line is a favourite topic of mine because of the issues that we have with it. I talked about it during the last sitting week in this House. I was trying to bring a human touch to the debate and talked about a particular individual in my electorate. I gave all of the information. In the sneaky way that so often happens on the other side of the House, as I completed my three minutes the member for Keppel suggested that I had in fact written a letter on behalf of a supposed constituent. That was far from the truth. In fact, I am very happy to table the letter to me, the letter to the minister, the letter from the minister and then the letter back from the constituent today, just to put paid to that argument.

*Tabled paper:* A bundle of correspondence regarding the Gold Coast rail line [\[2857\]](#).

It was interesting that the member for Keppel, when challenged, was not able to bring himself to turn around to look me in the eye to see whether or not that was indeed the case. Anyway, that is the sort of thing we can expect on that side of the House.

We heard today a wonderful announcement: 20 years down the track, we are going to have trains doing 320 kilometres an hour et cetera and we are going to be buying trains with toilets on them! I ask the Premier to speak to her minister to get the facts. We already have trains with toilets on them. They are already in service on the Gold Coast, and thank goodness for that because quite often when people hop on the trains and head to the Gold Coast what do they find when they get to the stations on the Gold Coast? The train station is closed and there are no toilet facilities available to them.

So we have an issue with the Gold Coast trains. The minister says to my constituent, 'Yes, indeed, we are trying to fix the problem on the Gold Coast.' But we all know that, no, they are not trying to fix the problem on the Gold Coast. The minister says, 'There is no room to put any more trains on the Gold Coast line.' We now know that that is not the case. We now know that, as we speak, it is possible to put additional trains on the Gold Coast line in peak hour. Currently in peak hour we have 19 trains on the Gold Coast line heading into Brisbane. We now know that it is possible to get up to 23 trains on the Gold Coast line per hour over the peak period. That is four additional trains in the peak period. We have been told a mistruth in this House to say that it is not possible. We now know that it is possible.

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