




Speech by

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GOLD COAST, RAIL SERVICES

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (10.08 pm): Of the six railway stations on the Gold Coast, the three most northern railway stations are in the Coomera electorate—Helensvale, Coomera and Ormeau stations. Just outside my electorate heading further north there is the Beenleigh station, which is a very busy station. This morning the new Minister for Transport mentioned that there was good news for public transport commuters in South-East Queensland—

Ms Palaszczuk: Hear, hear!

Mr CRANDON:—excluding, of course, Gold Coast commuters.

Ms Palaszczuk: No, you're next. You're next. The timetable is developed for the Gold Coast around the extra lines.

Mr CRANDON: We see that there is an improved timetable for all of those in South-East Queensland, other than the Gold Coast line.

Ms Palaszczuk: No, it is the next one to be reviewed starting very shortly.

Mr CRANDON: I take the interjection: we are the next one to be reviewed. Can we get some time frames on that, Minister?

Ms Palaszczuk: Absolutely!

Mr CRANDON: Okay. I would love to hear them. I will continue, however, to put the issue on the record. Some 150,000 weekly train seats—

Mr Reeves: Show me your go card.

Mr CRANDON: Show me yours.

Mr Reeves: I will.

Mr CRANDON: Why would you need one? You have a rail pass.

Mr Reeves: No, we catch the bus.

Mr SPEAKER: The minister will cease interjecting from other than his correct seat. The member for Coomera has the call and I am listening very intently to the member's speech.

Mr CRANDON: None for the Gold Coast, just Caboolture, Ipswich, Rosewood, the north coast line on the TransLink network. We have 15-minute gaps in the trains in the peak hour on the Gold Coast. We are told that there is no room to put any more trains on the tracks for the Gold Coast line, because there is no room when we get to Brisbane to put them across the river. We talk about a five per cent increase in passenger numbers. Let me put that into numbers for members. That is another 50 passengers on the Gold Coast line standing for one hour and 20 minutes every morning going to Brisbane and every afternoon coming back from Brisbane—50 passengers on each and every train in the peak period.

Ms Palaszczuk: And that's what cross-river rail does. It enhances the passengers on that line. It enables them to put more trains, more rolling stock—

Mr CRANDON: I take the interjections from the minister that she assures me that we are now going to see the next review of the Gold Coast line. What that needs to relate to is increased numbers of trains on the line in peak hour.

Ms Palaszczuk interjected.

Mr Reeves interjected.

Mr CRANDON: Give us two straight up and down.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The two ministers will cease interjecting. The member for Coomera will address his comments through the chair.

Mr CRANDON: Thank you for your protection, Mr Speaker. I take the minister's interjection and I look forward to a review.