



Speech by

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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.59 pm): I rise to advise the House about the issues that need to be resolved in the state seat of Coomera. Many of these issues revolve around the area of transport and main roads, and I have had conversations with the minister and his advisers in relation to some of them. There are a few particular sticking points, I suppose, because of the number of people and the usability and usage of various bus services. For example, Jacobs Well is a beautiful, small village on the waterfront in my electorate. It is a gorgeous place, and many people in this House would be very aware that you are able to launch a boat from there and go for a fish.

Members would be surprised to hear that, although a few thousand people live in that area, they only have one bus a week coming out of there and taking people into Beenleigh—that is in the morning—and then there is one bus a week in the afternoon bringing people back to Jacobs Well. Members would think we were talking about an area that was somewhere west of the Darling Downs or out in one of the areas up around Nanango, perhaps near Kilcoy, that was quite some distance away. But not really. We are talking about a small village which has a number of other small villages around it that is only approximately 12 minutes from the M1, 12 minutes from the railway line and 12 minutes from the Ormeau Railway Station.

One of the things I have committed myself to in this next term is to lobby the minister and the department for a permanent bus service—however irregular it may be, perhaps on an hourly basis—from the Ormeau Railway Station into Jacobs Well and Cabbage Tree Point and back out to the Ormeau Railway Station or perhaps a loop going from Ormeau, through those areas, out to Beenleigh, back into the area and back again into Ormeau Railway Station. That is the only sensible way to go. It is the only sensible idea. If we expect people to get out of their cars and onto public transport, we have to provide those services for them. I tell the House today that I plan on fighting for what is right in the state seat of Coomera, and that is just one of the examples of what I am determined to resolve in this next three-year term.