




Speech By
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Northern Gold Coast, Public Transport

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (3.50 pm): Members would know of my lobbying efforts in relation to transport infrastructure on the northern Gold Coast. A petition I sponsored relating to additional rail was tabled today. Under Labor, the northern Gold Coast was the most overlooked area in South-East Queensland in terms of transport infrastructure. Bus services had not been reviewed for more than 10 years. We are now on the front foot in that we are looking forward to some changes and some improvement in those bus services to come online in January next year. With fingers crossed, I hope the same thing will be able to be said for the additional train services we petitioned the government for earlier today.

As part of the process of asking for additional services and so forth, I also presented to Transport and Main Roads and the assistant minister the need for additional services in Eagleby as well as an extension of existing services in Eagleby to accommodate a retirement village area that currently houses some 400 individuals and will house up to 600 individuals within 15 or 18 months.

The areas of Jacobs Well and Cabbage Tree Point have literally no public transport whatsoever. The areas have quite a substantial residential population, some of whom are ageing. They lack transport and, therefore, are unable to get out of the house, to get out into the big, bad world. I have been lobbying the government and in recent times I have had some positive responses from Transport and Main Roads in relation to reviewing that particular service.

The other night I attended the Jacobs Well Progress Association on completely different matters. Karin Hider of Performance Driving Centre—the ultimate driving experience down on the Gold Coast—presented me with a petition she had put together. I am pleased to advise that there are 250 signatories to that petition. It is self-explanatory in that it simply says, 'We do not have any transport services and we need those transport services, so please provide us with some transport services.' I table that non-conforming petition for the consideration of the House. I look forward to a response from the transport minister.

Tabled paper: Non-conforming petition regarding public transport services for Jacobs Well and Cabbage Tree Point [[3450](#)].