




Speech By
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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (5.49 pm): I rise to second the amendment made by the Minister for Energy and Water Supply. Those opposite talk about this government not delivering for the Gold Coast. Let us talk about one of the very first things that we did for my constituents when we came into power: we reduced stamp duty for the principal place of residence, a saving of up to \$7,000. Why is that important for the people of the Coomera electorate? Because the Coomera electorate is the fastest growing electorate in Queensland. It has an incredible number of new residents and thousands of new homes. Many of those homes are owner occupied. Those opposite say we are not delivering. We have delivered thousands and thousands of dollars of savings in stamp duty alone.

To support the argument that I have the fastest growing electorate in Queensland, let me pose this question to all members: where else in Queensland, or indeed Australia, have we delivered five new schools in the last five years? From Ormeau in the north to Pimpama and Coomera in the south there have been five brand new schools: Ormeau Woods State High School, Coomera Rivers State School, Pimpama State Secondary College, LORDS school—a private school—and Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School. Let us reflect on the fact that the state makes a very big contribution to the building of private schools.

But wait, there is more. In the last five years Ormeau Woods State High School has moved from stage 1 to stage 3 and it is just about complete. We are nearing completion of stage 2 at Coomera Rivers State School. We are about to commence stage 2 at Pimpama State Secondary College, which is in its second year of operation. We have exceeded the number of students in the school by something like 30 per cent of the original target so we have started the second stage which will deliver capacity for something like 900 students by the beginning of next year. We have seen the commencement of a further stage at Helensvale State High School to accommodate year 7 students. This weekend I will represent the Minister for Education at the completion of stage 4 of the LORDS school. And stage 2 of the Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School has been completed. Where else, may I ask, do we have that type of construction?

Those opposite say that we are not looking after the people of the Gold Coast. Where else do we have two new schools under construction due to open in 2015, taking the total number in six years to seven new schools, with numerous extensions done to each and every one of them and there is talk of an additional one to open in 2016? That is a significant investment, I am sure all will agree. It is certainly an opportunity for us to reflect on the total investment being made by this government in the northern Gold Coast region. I no longer receive the complaints in relation to policing on the northern Gold Coast that I used to get time and time again. We now have a police force on the northern Gold Coast that is able to do its job. They have the number of people in place to allow them to do their job. We have three new commuter trains coming through in the morning and four new commuter trains in the afternoon. And those opposite say we are not delivering for the people of the Gold Coast. Under

the rule of those opposite we were going to have a 15 per cent increase, a 15 per cent increase, a 15 per cent increase—no, it is not a broken record; that is what the figures were going to be: increase after increase because of the spending of those opposite. We have halved those increases. It is 7.5 per cent rather than 15 per cent. I wish I had an hour to deliver what this government has delivered to the northern Gold Coast, the adrenalin capital of not only Queensland but Australia.