




Speech By
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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.26 pm): It really was a great pleasure for me today to have lunch with the school leaders from Mother Teresa Primary School, which is one of seven new schools in the state seat of Coomera. It may surprise members to hear that. Alexandra, or as she prefers, Ally and her mum, Tracy, came along; as well as Isaac and his mum, Josanna; and Samuel, or Sam as he prefers, and his mum, Kerry. We had a wonderful time. We made a tour of the precinct. We wandered upstairs to have a look at the new display called *Christmas in World War I*, which is in the O'Donovan Library. That is directly above the 'pollie waffle library' further downstairs. The many interesting and evocative Christmas images in that display really did capture the imagination. They certainly took me back to my youth.

Government members interjected.

Mr CRANDON: We used to eat Polly Waffles after school. In fact, you could not buy them in Cairns or Pumicestone for that matter. Personal Christmas messages were also on display and, interestingly, a letter from the Goodna State School donating the money that would normally have been spent on prizes and awards for students to be used for the enjoyment of children in a theatre of war. I see that there was a cheque for—

Mr Gibson: Children who were in a theatre of war?

Mr CRANDON: Children from schools who were in a theatre of war. They do not close the schools just because there is a war going on. Eight pounds was sent across on 9 December 2014. It was a pleasure to host these young people. I have to say that they are from one of the seven schools in the electorate of Coomera that have been in the process of being built or have been built since I came into office in 2009.

Talking about the Coomera electorate, we have just short of 38,000 voters. That is 16 per cent over the average of all of the electorates around the state. That is, in fact, bigger than any other electorate.

Government members interjected.

Mr CRANDON: There is pollie waffle going on over here; there is pollie waffle going on over there, and the members for Cairns and Pumicestone are responsible for all of it!

There is an absolute essential need for infrastructure in the Coomera electorate to accommodate this fast-growing area. I look forward to the development that will be pushed forward by the Deputy Premier in the next sitting of parliament.