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**Coomera Springs State School**

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (10.56 pm): I rise tonight to speak about the rapid population growth in my electorate, which includes the northern Gold Coast and southern Logan City. This continues to place enormous pressure on our local services and infrastructure. Under the previous LNP government, we finally saw long-awaited action to upgrade the exit 54 interchange at Upper Coomera. This upgrade is critical to ensure the continued economic and employment growth in my region. This was the first major interchange upgrade to the M1 within the boundaries of the Albert electorate since 2000. Just a little bit further south we have exit 57 at Oxenford, which desperately needs additional work to reduce congestion, as the current design is incredibly confusing and continues to cause motorists severe congestion during peak hour.

However, the main reason I rise tonight is to speak about one of my local schools and how this Labor government is stonewalling Coomera Springs State School in their desperate bid to obtain additional classrooms in order to meet substantial growth in the local student population. Coomera Springs State School sits right in the middle of one of the fastest growing regions in our state. With current housing development, this is set to grow even further.

Today we witnessed the Labor government claiming that they have a wonderful building program in our schools, but they seem to ignore the pleas of Coomera Springs State School. The school has been allocated 37 teachers for next year, yet it will only have 36 classrooms in 2016. Since the school's inception, it has seen dramatic growth over the last seven years, expanding from 165 students in 2008 to 835 students in 2015. As of 11 November, the school's population sits at 855 and, on conservative projections for next year, we are looking at 907 students. The department has allocated only one demountable classroom block, which includes two classrooms, when we desperately need two demountable classroom blocks.

Coomera Springs State School has a fantastic reputation and specialises in some programs which are sought after by parents in the local area. There are a lot of parents moving into the Coomera Springs area just so that they can send their children to this school because of its reputation. My residents are demanding action when it comes to this issue. They are demanding more classrooms for their school so their children are not turned away. They are demanding stability for their kids' future. This government needs to stop looking after their mates and put our schools first.