




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Infrastructure Investment, Coomera Electorate

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (10.04 pm): I am pleased to be here tonight to give an adjournment speech. I think the opposition whips have something to do with that, and I appreciate the effort that they put in to make sure I was on the list tonight.

Infrastructure investment is the topic of conversation from this side, and of course the biggest issue in the Coomera electorate is infrastructure investment. We have seen massive growth in the Coomera electorate over the years since I have been the member there, and the evidence of that is seven new schools in six years. From 2009 to 2015, seven schools in six years, and some are up to their fourth and fifth stages. Now we are nearing capacity again, which is evidenced by the plan for an eighth new school to open in 2018 just one kilometre away from two other brand new schools. We do have a major issue there. By the way, of those schools five are state schools—two high schools and three primary schools—and three are private schools, prep to 12.

I put all of this forward to members as evidence that we have an issue around infrastructure, and particularly bus and public transport infrastructure. Further evidence of this growth that we see is that when I came into office in March 2009 I had 28,764 electors. In January 2016 I had 40,849 electors, which is a 42 per cent increase over the seven years that I have been in this place. Further evidence is that in the last 12 months alone from 31 January 2015 to 29 January 2016 there has been further growth of 4.5 per cent. It has been massive, so as I said we need infrastructure. We need buses, bus routes and extra buses on bus routes.

I thank the minister for taking the time to listen to me. Each time I come to see him or he sees me in the hallway, he does not go off in this or that direction—he definitely comes over and lets me have a bit of a chat, and we are getting somewhere on some of these things. Minister, I must implore you to realise that the massive growth we are talking about is in the centre of the electorate. We are talking about overcrowding on buses in the north of the electorate in Eagleby, in Ormeau, Pimpama, Helensvale and the Hope Island area. We have massive issues with bus transport in the area. We want people to get on the buses. We want people to stop driving their cars. We have an M1 that is getting overcrowded. Please, Minister, let us focus more and more on those buses for the Coomera electorate.