




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Coomera Electorate

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (12.51 am): I will continue from where I left my last adjournment speech during the last sittings. I have 31 kilometres of the 66 kilometres of M1 that goes through the Gold Coast and borders my electorate. That is a very large portion of the M1.

I have had an absolute explosion of new residents in my electorate. As a result, I have school buses that are overloaded. I have passengers being left behind and having to wait an hour for another bus. There are no buses available as they are overloaded with children. I have elderly residents who have to travel an hour by public transport to go 200 metres as the crow flies to get to their local shopping centre where the doctor's surgery and so forth are.

I am talking about every area in my electorate. At Eagleby in the north I have full school buses and full suburban services at 7.30 am leaving commuters behind. In Ormeau it takes elderly residents one hour to travel 200 metres because the services travel each side of the M1 instead of crisscrossing the M1 and delivering them to their shopping centre, which is within eyesight of where they live.

In Pimpama a student at the high school was left behind. There were no more buses going her way and she was intending to pick up her five-year-old sibling at another school. That caused her some panic. I forwarded that on to the regional director. In Pimpama elderly residents are unable to get to their local shopping centre. In Coomera it is a 45-minute walk to rail services because buses do not leave early enough to get commuters to work. From Hope Island to Helensvale there are no bus services, even though it is a fully developed area.

The next issue I have in my electorate is police numbers. The police minister advised me that I am getting three new police in the next round. We need 50 additional police right now in the northern Gold Coast just to catch up with the growth in population. In the time that I have been in this place—from 2009 until now—I have experienced a 50 per cent growth in the number of voters and people living in my electorate. The same applies to the electorates of Albert and Gaven. The reality is that we need to catch up when it comes to police numbers and we need to catch up now.