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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (12.58 am): In travelling around the Coomera electorate and having conversations with various members of the community, there are two particular issues that come up time and time again. Both of them are safety issues. The first is ramping on the exits of the M1. I have exits 35 through to 61 in my electorate. All the way up and down the M1, whether we are going up in the morning or down in the afternoon, there is a lot of traffic coming on and going off the M1. In particular exit 41 north and south and exit 49 on the northern ramp are constantly ramping back on to the M1.

For this section of the M1 the speed limit is 110 kilometres an hour. When people are coming towards the exit, they find themselves very unexpectedly having to pull up very quickly. They know that many trucks are travelling in the first two lanes of the M1 and they come barrelling down on top of them. Something terrible is going to happen unless we do something about that ramping.

We really need to look seriously at spending some money on those ramps so there is capacity for vehicles to get off the M1 and get out of the 110 kilometre an hour zone as quickly as possible. Transport and Main Roads have confirmed that they have those issues in planning, but there has been no money allocated. We have the budget coming up. We need more money allocated towards those ramps to solve that safety issue.

The other issue that comes up is police attendance at criminal activities in the northern Gold Coast. I have mentioned many times in this House that we have the fastest growing area in Australia. Over the last 12 months the Pimpama area grew by 20 per cent. That is a massive growth in one small area. I have also mentioned that we have seven new schools in a six-year period. Those schools are fast filling up. What we are not doing is we are not keeping pace with the number of residents moving into the area and the number of police. I heard a member earlier today talk about four police officers for 4,000 residents. I have 165,000 residents in the northern Gold Coast and I have 65 police. It does not work.