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**MEMBER FOR COOMERA**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Pacific Motorway, Exit 41**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (10.18 pm): I rise to raise the issue of exit 41. These are the sorts of emails I receive about it. One excerpt states—

... recently traffic lights were installed at exit 41 ...

This morning the traffic was at a complete standstill. My usual 12 minute drive to work took 35 ...

Another states—

Just writing in regards to the new traffic lights put in on the two roundabouts at exit 41. ... I was 30 minutes late to work today ... 30 minutes to get from Ormeau Coles to Burnside Road ...

Another states—

The lights were turned on today at the round about at exit 41, what a disaster. ... Took me 50 minutes to get through and across to head Gold Coast bound. 12 minutes alone at the bridge ...

Another states—

Wish to advise about the disaster that has been caused by the lights recently installed at Exit 41 ...

Another states—

... quick email regarding the new lights at exit 41, I have lived in Ormeau for 15 years and never in my life have I seen the traffic as bad ...

Another states—

We have staff members within our office who were 20—30 minutes late—

arriving for work. Another states—

As myself and other colleagues had to wait 45 minutes from the time we took the exit and exit the 2nd round about ...

Another states—

My residence is in Lewani Palms and I had an appointment at ... 9am—

but they got there 15 minutes late.

The last point is that traffic not only affects residents; it affects businesses. It is costing them an absolute fortune. What has been happening at exit 41? Absolutely nothing. Here are some shots of the traffic movements at exit 41 over several days. They are supposed to be fixing them. There is one for the 20th, and I table that.

*Tabled paper:* Bundle of photographs depicting Pacific Motorway exits [\[1284\]](#).

Have a look at these, Minister. It needs to be looked at. The dark red is very, very slow or stopped; the green are all going fine. All of these are exit 41 several days apart: 24 July, 26 July, 31 July and 7 August, which was just the other day. They are still the same: still red. We still have the same issue of ramping back onto the M1. This is what I heard from the department—

As you may be aware, the traffic signals at 41 have been installed to reduce the identified safety risk associated with traffic queuing back onto the Pacific Motorway.

*Tabled paper:* Email, dated 21 July 2017, from Mr Andrew Wheeler, Department of Transport and Main Roads, regarding traffic signals at Exit 41, Pacific Motorway [[1285](#)].

This is a failure! It is not working. It is still going back onto the M1, and now we have traffic much worse than it ever was. There are some more photos for the minister to take into consideration about just one of the exits: exit 41. These photos are proof positive that the traffic lights, which should never have been put in and were never requested, should not have been put in. We need a permanent solution for exits 41, 45 and 49. When is this government going to do something about it?