



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Coomera Electorate, Petitions**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.36 pm): I rise to remind several ministers of the time line for responding to petitions tabled by me on 8 and 9 August. The people of the northern Gold Coast have been treated poorly regarding infrastructure for far too long. An ever-increasing lag has developed, so I ask ministers to please not be discourteous to them by not responding within the prescribed time frame. That would be, to say the least, extremely rude.

The e-petitions that I refer to were tabled on 8 August and the paper petitions were tabled on 9 August. These petitions are along the following lines. I should say in relation to the first one that the Minister for Health did in fact table his response today, which is wonderful to see. The problem is that it did not address the actual petition at all; it just talked about health services on the Gold Coast. The actual petition related to constructing a hospital.

The next one was to construct a police station and provide 50 additional police officers. That was to the Minister for Police. I look forward to him providing that response by the close of business today. I would imagine that would be the closing time. Another one was to upgrade exit 41 north and southbound. That was to the acting Minister for Main Roads. How many ministers for main roads have we had?

**Mr Costigan:** Pick a minister.

**Mr CRANDON:** Pick a minister—any minister. For that minister there was also a petition to upgrade exit 45 southbound including the addition of an off ramp and an upgrade to exit 49 northbound.

Another petition was to upgrade the bus services—this one is for the Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport—between Ormeau station and Coomera station. Another was to upgrade car parks at Ormeau station, once again for the Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport. Another was to upgrade the car park at Coomera station, once again for the Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport. I know there is a lot of work involved in this, but believe me, it is worth it. The people of the northern Gold Coast would really appreciate a timely response.

In addition, several paper petitions were tabled on 9 August and they are due tomorrow. One was to put pressure on Australia Post to provide a postbox so that people in and around the Coomera area do not have to travel miles to mail a letter. Yes, some people still mail letters in this day and age. Another petition was asking for an upgrade to school parking facilities, bus services and road access. That is for the Minister for Education. The House should be made aware that there is an urgent need for an upgrade to the school parking facilities and there are inadequate bus services and inadequate road access to and from Pimpama State Primary College.

Finally, there was a petition to upgrade two lanes of a 250-metre section of Yawalpah Road, Pimpama. That again goes back to the acting Minister for Main Roads. I ask these ministers to please respect the people of the northern Gold Coast and deliver those responses by the close of business today.