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Jabiru Island, Bridge; M1, Exit 57; Biggera Waters State School

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (7.12 pm): I have risen in this House many times and spoken about the M1—not only what a crucial road it is but also how important it is to the economic and social wellbeing of the city I represent. I will continue to advocate for that, as will the member for Albert and others on the Gold Coast. Today I want to talk about a domestic road in my electorate, the Jabiru Island bridge. This is something that time and time again is raised with me. It might seem like only a little issue to those who do not live with it, but it is a genuine congestion choke point. For too long it has been in no-man's land in terms of whether it is part of the forward works or not. I call on the department to look at the cost, do a detailed design, drive down the price and get this built. It continues to be raised as a very important issue.

We are seeing development in Hope Island, particularly around Sickie Avenue. We are seeing more development at Paradise Point. We are seeing a wonderful commercial shopping precinct being built in Hope Island. Increasingly, people from both of those suburbs cross that single-lane bridge. Provision has been made for duplication. The bridge should be duplicated. It is absolutely essential. It needs to be delivered.

Also of great importance is getting on and off the M1. It is great that the member for Coomera is in the chamber tonight as there has been no more fierce champion than he when it comes to those exits on the northern part of the Gold Coast that he represents. I want to talk about something that the member for Theodore has exposed—that is, the stupidity of the solar panels going in at exit 57. People who look at it just do not understand it. They do not understand it for good reason. If that intersection is going to be upgraded, barring a radical change in design those panels will have to be removed and that money will have been wasted. No matter how pure was the intent of the minister, why would you put solar panels at the very location that people are crying out for a slip lane to be able to get on to the motorway, to stop the circus that I and other people have to go through when we pick up our children from schools in the region? It does not make sense.

In the 30 seconds remaining to me may I talk about power of a different kind—that is, the power of a mighty school community of mine, Biggera Waters State School. The other day they ran their school fete. What an incredibly professional display that was. They had businesses and local community representatives supporting them. I acknowledge Anthea Donovan and her team, who put so much effort into it, and Principal Val Faulks, who was great to catch up with on the day. What a wonderful school community you are. Long may I have the privilege of representing you.