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Ormeau and Coomera Train Stations, Park-and-Ride Facilities

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.00 pm): I imagine members have seen tonight's media reports about the Commonwealth Games park-and-ride debacle. For the people of the Gold Coast, the good news is that that will be over at the end of the Commonwealth Games when things will go back to normal. Tonight I rise to further advise the House regarding the park-and-ride facilities at Ormeau and Coomera train stations on the northern Gold Coast. In recent months, things have gone from bad to worse with double the number of cars to spaces. I will focus on Ormeau train station, which is the subject of recent news reports about people being fined for illegal parking. People have no choice but to drive on our clogged roads, the M1 in particular, if they cannot find a car spot.

I have a copy of an email to Donna Gates, the division 1 councillor and deputy mayor, from a senior constable at the Norfolk Village Police Beat. It states—

Good afternoon, no doubt you've probably been inundated with requests regarding the Ormeau Train Station and parking. We have recently received a complaint regarding vehicles parking on the footpath and attended today resulting in 12 infringement notices issued. We will no doubt continue to receive complaints and have little choice in attending and taking action. Residents are doing the right thing by catching public transport however the parking there is becoming overcrowded.

Why don't we catch the bus to the train station, I may hear members say. That is fair enough. It is a good question and I will explain why. If you wanted to catch the very first bus to the station to get to work in Brisbane in time to do an eight-hour shift, taking half an hour for lunch, you would catch the 7.25 bus on the 721 route or the 7.54 bus on the 722 route, and so it goes on. However, it does not matter what bus you catch—even if you catch the very first bus—you cannot work an eight-hour day and get back in time to catch the very last bus from the train station. Therefore, it is absolutely impossible to use public transport to get to the station.

There are no carparks and no bus services. What about safety? Today I have sent to the minister's office a dozen emails, all with the details on them, for him to give consideration to over the next couple of weeks until he responds to some petitions. The first email is dated June 2017. It outlines an important issue and states—

... I would like to highlight a safety issue at Ormeau Station ... My daughters both study at uni in Brisbane and commute there by train. Most mornings ... they can only park on a grassy area in a far corner of the station. There is no lighting and no security camera anywhere near this area. When they return at night they need to walk there in the dark, sometimes at 9 or 10 at night.

Another email states—

The parking situation at Ormeau railway station is now ridiculous. The main car park is full by early in the morning ... Living in Jacobs Well public transport to the station is simply non-existent ... My youngest daughter—

(Time expired)