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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.19 pm): Unfortunately, bad news came today for the state seat of Coomera by way of responses to about 20 petitions I lodged on the first sitting day of this new parliament. I have provided all sorts of information, including 12 emails from disgruntled constituents. These petitions are calls from constituents for badly needed infrastructure. We have seen massive growth over the past 12 months, and the most recent example of that growth comes as a result of the redistribution.

Over an 18-month period we saw the number of voters grow from 30,722—that was the second-lowest number of the 93 seats—to 36,618, which is seventh from the top of those 93 seats. That is massive growth of 6,000 voters in just an 18-month period. The petitions relate to all sorts of things, and you have heard it all before: 41, 45 and 49, which are exits off the M1; and park-and-rides at Ormeau and Coomera railway stations. I have some photos here that I will table as further evidence of the car parks at Coomera Railway Station.

Tabled paper: Bundle of photographs depicting train station car parks [\[390\]](#).

They are completely overflowing. There are about 90 additional cars at that particular station and it is the same thing at Ormeau. The petitions also relate to bus services and additional police officers. We have been hit with road congestion, overflowing park-and-rides, spiralling crime rates due to police being vastly under-resourced and poor bus services. Interestingly, one of the responses refers to bus services that could be used by my constituents who cannot park in the car parks. This letter only talks about the Coomera Railway Station, but it talks about bus services TX7, 721, 722, 723, 725, 726 and 727. I will table these for the minister's benefit.

Tabled paper: Documents, undated, showing timetables for bus services in the Coomera electorate [\[391\]](#).

The problem is that the minister is being misled by his staff because the reality is that most of those bus services will not get people from their home to the railway station so they can catch the train to Brisbane, get back in the afternoon and catch the bus home. It does not work. Even though his advisers have provided him with that information, it is quite erroneous. With that in mind, I am going to invite the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to come for a tour of the Coomera electorate so that he fully understands what we are up against. This is not politics; this is about the people needing this infrastructure. I am going to write to you formally, Minister, and ask you—sometime after the Commonwealth Games, I assure you—to come to the electorate of Coomera to take a drive around and let me show you exactly what the issues are in the state seat of Coomera.