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Coomera Electorate, Public Transport

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.24 pm): I rise to bring to the attention of the House a very concerning issue in the state seat of Coomera, and that is public transport but a particular area of public transport—that is, a bus route and bus stops on Yawalpah Road. This is the fastest growing region in Queensland and the second fastest in Australia. I have run two petitions on this. The last one of those was in February of this year. The answer from the minister stated—

... no additional services are planned at this time, TMR will continue to work with CoGC—

City of Gold Coast—

to monitor the development and delivery of the necessary infrastructure required to facilitate any future extension or realignment of public transport services in this area.

This is the fastest growing region in Queensland and the government is continuing to monitor the growth. I cannot say it any better than this constituent who wrote to me just the other day, Monday. They said—

I am writing to you about the bus stops on Yawalpah Road, Pimpama and the lack of access to a bus stop in this fast-growing community. I have recently received a text from a good friend of mine that works within TransLink advising me that if anybody stops along that road—

that is, bus drivers—

where there is no bus stop, the driver will face dismissal.

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The current bus stop situation is appalling and needs to be rectified. The current situation means that you are asking me to drive 20 minutes in my wheelchair to the Swan Road bus stop (the closest one) where often the pathway to the bus stop is blocked by work vehicles of those working on the nature strip which leads to having to manoeuvre around it, at times almost causing my wheelchair to flip ...

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This community has people with disabilities who need to catch the bus as it is the most feasible option, families where children need to catch the bus to get to school, young people to get to work, and even some of the elderly who use buses to remain as independent as possible.

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... I hope you take this matter seriously as it is a serious issue for your community and if you truly support and listen to your community, you will remedy this ...

I can assure my constituent—and I will be writing to him to confirm it—that I do take it very seriously. I looked into it. I received, in certain forms, material from TMR stating—

Continuing from previous advice provided toward this issue, no temporary bus stop facilities are to be constructed prior to the route adjustment planned for ... next year.

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Due to no safe stopping locations being available along Yawalpah Rd, as confirmed through the risk assessment, Surfside should only be stopping at designated bus stops.

There is one bus stop on Yawalpah Road, which is four kilometres long. The nearest bus stop to the shopping centre is 1.3 kilometres away. That is the one on Swan Road. This gentleman and everybody else gets off at one bus stop on Yawalpah Road—nowhere else. The next bus stops are four kilometres in either direction. Minister, we have to do something now. It cannot wait until next year.