




Speech By
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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (6.07 pm): Much is happening in the electorate of Coomera. I have spoken in this place many times about the massive growth that the heart of my electorate, the suburb of Pimpama, is experiencing. Recently, some really big events have occurred. I refer to the opening of the Pimpama City Shopping Centre, which is a \$150 million investment in that fast-growing suburb. Of course, on 11 October there was also the long-awaited—25 years indeed—opening of Westfield Coomera, or at least the first section of it. Sadly, for some people, car park fines at Coomera train station of \$261 put a dampener on the opening of the Coomera Town Centre but, hopefully, common sense will see these mass fines wiped.

As we all know, recently the report of the anti-cyberbullying task force was tabled in this House and the Premier's response was released on Monday, 15 October with all 29 recommendations accepted by the government.

An honourable member interjected.

Mr CRANDON: I take that interjection. Dovetailing from that event, in the state seat of Coomera is an innovative program with Glass Media, with Chris Boyd the driving force working with TAFE Gold Coast, which is the Stop Bullying Now 2018 program. It will see an expansion into four schools this year. Pimpama State Secondary College was the only school last year, but Coomera Anglican College has come on board, Robina State High School in the Mudgeeraba electorate and Varsity College in the state seat of Mermaid Beach. The focus is on anti-cyberbullying messages. The final post-production is underway as we speak and I understand that the launch date is 11 November.

We have also had the delivery of buddy benches to 14 schools in my electorate. I invited all of the schools to participate and 14 of the 19 said that they would be happy to do so and were looking forward to deliveries. The buddy benches were made with love in partnership with the Pimpama Men's Shed. There was great work done to produce these beautiful benches of spotted gum with stainless steel fixings. These benches will last a long time. Thanks to president Graham, Frank and Peter who assisted in the delivery. Many Pimpama Men's Shed members assisted in the construction. We have already delivered to Pimpama State School, Pimpama State Primary College, our newest school Picnic Creek State School, Pimpama State Secondary College, Livingstone Christian College, Toogoolawah School, Coomera Rivers State School, Woongoolba State School and Mother Teresa Catholic School. We are yet to deliver to Coomera Anglican College, Ormeau State School, Lords, Coomera Springs State School and Norfolk Village State School. We look forward to delivering those in this final week.