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Northern Gold Coast, Traffic Congestion

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.04 pm): Just one of the huge issues for people living on the northern Gold Coast is something that affects their everyday life, that is, traffic congestion. I cannot describe it better than a constituent of mine who wrote to me today. She is someone who lives it every single day. Valerie writes—

Hello Michael,

I live in Genesis Estate Coomera. Today trying to get out on to the M1 totally brought me to tears, so much so I did not keep my appointment. I just turned around and went home.

I left home at 7.50 am.

It took me 40 minutes to get from Amity Rd down Foxwell Rd to the lights and then down to Dreamworld roundabout before I could get on to the M1 that wasn't moving, so I just turned left and went home.

The government has spent so much of our taxpayer's money on new road infrastructure that is totally failing the people of Coomera.

In fact, I think it is worse than before you started, because at least before you could merge with the traffic instead of being controlled by lights not moving.

I have big issues to discuss with you about all of the development in the area.

Valerie refers to the congestion just to get to the M1, but what Valerie is really describing is the need for a second M1. A second M1 would allow Valerie to get to her appointment in the south without going anywhere near the M1. She would not need to go down Foxwell Road and past the Coomera town centre. That solution is in the hands of this do-nothing Labor government, but sadly there is not one dollar in the budget or the forward estimates for a second M1.

What about another solution for Valerie? If there were any car parks available after 7 am at Coomera train station, she could park-and-ride. Sadly, that option is not open to Valerie either. The last time I did a drive through, I counted 33 cars parked in other than formal car parks. I know what: she could catch a bus from Genesis Estate to the Coomera train station. The buses run every hour some of the time and two hourly from time to time. Really, that is not an option either for most people, including Valerie on this occasion. There we have it: Valerie lives adjacent to the fastest growing region in Queensland and the second fastest in Australia, but she cannot get out.

If we win government in 2020, the LNP has a plan to build a second M1 to solve the issue for Valerie by taking pressure off the M1 by giving the northern Gold Coast community a second route over the Coomera River. In the meantime, Valerie has a few other suggestions regarding ongoing development in the northern Gold Coast. I will talk to her about those. Valerie went on to say—

Due to Yawalpah roadworks, we are unable to even get out of Genesis Estate ...

It took me today 17 min to get out of Genesis on to Foxwell Rd (half a km) ...

It does not make any difference which way she goes. If she goes down Shipper Drive, she is stuck; if she goes down Foxwell Road, she is stuck. She is stuck every which way. She says enough is enough. Valerie absolutely nails it when she says—

We need to have a second bridge put in down the back of Coomera to take pressure off the M1 and Smith Street—

(Time expired)