




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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Coomera Connector

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.44 pm): Yesterday in the *Gold Coast Bulletin* and again today we see the topic of the IRTC, as it was once called—now the Coomera Connector, which is not a popular name, but the second M1 is very popular. Everybody is talking about the second M1. The LNP, if we win government in October 2020, will build it.

The transport and main roads minister came on to my Facebook page yesterday trying to defend his incompetence. In his usual style he selectively used so-called 'proof' to try to push the blame on to the Liberal National Party. Let us look at what happened in chronological order.

Leading up to the 2012 election, the IRTC corridor was never gazetted by Labor. For all the years it had been drawn on a map it had never been gazetted by Labor. This came to our attention when we were in government when we were reviewing the Gold Coast City draft plan. The bottom line is—and this is what the departmental officers told me—that it cannot be referred to as a state controlled corridor because it is not. It has not been gazetted.

The then minister chose to say, 'Let's fix this. Let's make it right. It has never been right. Let's make it right now.' This minister says that we stopped it. No, Minister. We did not stop it. We started the process. We started the gazettal process of the second M1. It was never in place before we came into power. Under Labor it was going nowhere. We saw to it that the gazettal process was started. Here is the proof from the people on the ground. Paul Noonan, the regional director of the south coast region, stated—

In April 2014, the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning advised council that the IRTC cannot be referenced in council's Draft 2015 Gold Coast City Plan until it is gazetted future state controlled road.

It cannot be done, Minister.

Mr Bailey interjected.

Mr CRANDON: Your mob did not do it; we were doing it.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Order! Pause the clock. Member for Coomera, direct your comments through the chair, not directly at the minister.

Mr CRANDON: I was taking an interjection but I take your—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. Member for Coomera, the chair's decision is not up for debate. I have given you a direction. If you are not prepared to take that, resume your seat and we will move on.

Mr CRANDON: I was in the process of saying that I take your advice, Mr Deputy Speaker. He went on to say—

- The IRTC has not been cancelled

...

- It is expected this jointly funded modelling will be completed within the next couple of months

He went on to say that TMR had finalised all of that and that after the study was done it would be gazetted. That was in 2015. It should have been gazetted in 2015. This minister took until 2019 to finally do the job. They are stuck in the slow lane.

(Time expired)