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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Coomera Electorate, Infrastructure**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.12 pm): I recently asked the Queensland parliamentary library to undertake some analysis of the electorate of Coomera to compare and contrast it with the electorates of Broadwater, Logan, Macalister, Redlands, Scenic Rim and Theodore in terms of growth. The figures were based on growth from the time of the redistribution in August 2016. The graph, which I will table in a moment, quickly shows us that, as far as the numbers are concerned—and although I was second bottom before the election—I ended up at the top of the scale. The state seat of Coomera is now 18.25 per cent over quota, the blue line depicted. It is amazing growth. I have almost 42,000 voters. No-one else comes anywhere near me, and certainly all those other seats are very close to quota. Right around me there is no growth. Right in the middle is the state seat of Coomera.

Is it any wonder that we call for so many infrastructure improvements in the state seat of Coomera? Of course, the first is the second M1, the Coomera Connector, to take 60,000 vehicles off the M1 and to take some pressure off our exits. What about the police hub and 35 additional police in the Ormeau-Pimpama area? Finally, we got the police hub—and I thank the minister for announcing the police hub—but now we need those police. There is no commitment on those. Of course, in terms of exits 41 and 49 there is no commitment as far as the timeline for their construction is concerned because of a near \$50 million shortfall. There is nothing at all in relation to the duplication of exit 38 or exit 45 south.

A hospital in the Coomera electorate is desperately needed—something for which I have been calling for a long time. Now there is a new petition running in that respect. We need an ambulance station in an appropriate location, not miles and miles away from the M1 but adjacent to the M1. The confirmation of a new railway station at Pimpama occurred a couple of days before I received a letter regarding my petition that was due today. There is confirmation of where it will be, but we will still be waiting until 2024. It needs to be built now, not in 2024. What about the commissioning and opening of the railway bridge next door? Yes, that has been confirmed.

A police citizens youth club is something else we need desperately in that area in terms of the massive growth in our youth population. We need increased car parking at Ormeau Railway Station. Now we have 110 car parks. Originally it was intended to be 70. We lobbied and we received an additional 40. We need increased car parking at Coomera Railway Station. There is \$15 million sitting on the table from the federal government but there is not a cracker—not any commitment whatsoever—to actually build it. The list goes on. Thankfully, the new fire station will happen at the end of next year. As I say, the list goes on but there is not enough time—

*Tabled paper:* Queensland Parliament, Library and Research Service, Research Brief, dated 10 September 2019, titled 'Enrolment growth in northern Gold Coast electorates' [1568](#).

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