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## ADJOURNMENT

### Palmview, Public Transport

 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (7.24 pm): Despite thousands of young families and retirees moving into the Palmview area in recent years, local residents still do not have access to a local bus service. There are no buses to help kids get to school, no buses to get to the doctors and no buses to get to the shops. It simply is not good enough.

The Sunshine Coast is a wonderful place to live, but with the population growth we are experiencing and the consequent increase in higher density housing, adequate public transport is more important than ever. The design of new estates across the Sunshine Coast is predicated on the provision of adequate public transport services.

Local resident and a mum of three Shirley Scott has told me about the lack of public transport services in Palmview and how it is greatly impacting on her family. She has had to resort to paying for an Uber or a taxi just to get her children to and from school every day. Shirley's daughter heads back to university at the end of the month which will mean further travel costs for her one-income family.

The lack of public transport for Palmview residents is resulting in more cars on the road which is placing more and more pressure on local roads at peak times, especially around our local schools. Families and retirees in Palmview have been very patient and they understand that planning for these services takes time, but we now have thousands of residents living in a master planned community in the middle of the Sunshine Coast with no public transport whatsoever. While locals wait, parents are forced to drive their kids to schools across the Sunshine Coast, putting even more pressure on the roads around schools—roads that cannot cope with the traffic as it is.

It is not just about young families. There are many retirees who rely on public transport services right across the Sunshine Coast. When retirees cannot drive and there is no public transport, the only option is for them to use costly taxis and Uber. The result is retirees who feel trapped. It simply is not good enough.

With 17,000 residents expected to call Palmview home in the near future, the area needs public transport and school bus services now. The Minister for Transport and Main Roads has said many times that he wants to see more Queenslanders using public transport. I support that view, but actions speak louder than words. I call on the minister to put his money where his mouth is and make the provision of bus services in Palmview an immediate priority.