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## ADJOURNMENT

### Theodore Electorate, M1

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (7.23 pm): I rise to express the concerns of many of my residents when it comes to the current roadworks at exit 57 on the M1 and the flow-on effects that that has had on my local community. From day one residents have expressed their concerns about the proposed design of the new interchange and a lot of their predictions have come to fruition. Firstly, I bring to the attention of the House that since the removal of the right turn from the Old Pacific Highway motorists are now using the Oxenford Tavern and Dan Murphy's car park as a U-turn facility. That is a safety concern for staff and patrons who frequent those businesses. Furthermore, the actions of those individuals are causing a high degree of frustration for motorists and are impeding traffic flows.

In addition, as predicted by locals, the removal of the right turn from the Old Pacific Highway has forced additional traffic along council controlled roads. Residents have reported an increase in congestion around Leo Graham Way and Global Plaza. The large increase in traffic coming out of Leo Graham Way and turning right is now causing delays along Tamborine Oxenford Road. Those roads were never designed to handle such volumes of traffic, which is resulting in lengthy peak-hour congestion periods. I also note that local small businesses now claim that the extra congestion is forcing customers away from their businesses.

Another concern is the right turn from Hope Island Road into Heathwood Drive. Often motorists will swap lanes as they traverse that intersection. For example, they will travel from the right lane and often swing wide, unwittingly entering into the left-hand lane. That is causing concerns for motorists who are turning left from Tamborine Oxenford Road into Heathwood Drive, as it is hard to judge which lane those vehicles are coming from.

The U-turn facility on Tamborine Oxenford Road is another point of contention. Residents have witnessed near misses when motorists have misjudged the distance of oncoming traffic using the facility. Only recently a truck with a trailer had to swerve into the left-hand lane from the right to miss a small sedan as it used that turn. It should be noted that we also have vehicles darting out from the 7-Eleven service station, crossing multiple lanes to use the facility.

Many residents have expressed their fear that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident. Residents are asking the department to take those concerns into serious consideration and implement a plan to alleviate those problems.