




Speech By
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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.19 pm): It is always an enormous pleasure to talk about the northern Gold Coast and the Coomera electorate. When Deb Frecklington and the LNP take government in October this year, there will be some great news for the northern Gold Coast. For a start, there is a \$4 million master plan for the northern Gold Coast's state-of-the-art hospital and health precinct. There is nothing from the Labor government. There will be \$25 million to fix exit 45, with a second exit 45 south of the Pimpama River and a further entry on to the M1 at the Mirambeena Drive overpass. There is \$6.5 million for a Police-Citizens Youth Club—something that has been knocked back by this government through two petitions that I have put to the House. We forced Labor into funding exits 41 and 49. The federal government chipped in \$96.3 million.

Mr Bailey interjected.

Mr CRANDON: They came kicking and screaming to the table and finally put their money in, but the sad thing is that it is just go-slow. What is the minister doing?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Whiting): Order! Member, take a seat. I was just about to say that members know there should be no cross-chamber banter. It needs to go through the chair.

Mr CRANDON: The sad thing is that it is just go-slow!

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member will take his seat. Member, when you continue, please continue in the vein that I have let you speak.

Mr CRANDON: The sad thing is that it is go-slow by this government. They are stuck in the slow lane. There is still no commitment regarding exit 38. There was an \$87 million business case in 2018, and there is still no funding commitment from this government. There is still no commitment for the second M1. Labor are still talking about 'the plan'. It is always 'the plan'. They are always doing a business case. Why don't they get on with it and do something about it?

Mr Bailey interjected.

Mr CRANDON: In 2017 Labor promised the Pimpama train station, but they did not tell us that it was going to be delivered in 2024. Hang on a second—we have just seen a massive blow-out in Cross River Rail, so does that mean they are going to pull the money out of the Pimpama train station? We are pushing for fast-tracking of that station.

Mr Bailey interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Miller, you are getting close to a warning. If you continue, you will get a warning.

Mr CRANDON: Thank you for your protection, Mr Deputy Speaker. We finally got the police station fast-tracked after a lot of work and a lot of petitions. People power and petitions did it again. We still need 35 police to staff that station.

I now go to the train stations. At Ormeau, they were going to give us 70 car parks to replace 125. After a lot of fighting, we received \$4.2 million to give us 125 car parks. For the Coomera train station, there is \$15 million from the federal government still sitting there. We were promised the money from the federal government in May last year. Have we got a business case? No. There is no business case from those opposite. They are absolutely hopeless. It is go-slow with this government on the northern Gold Coast. I cannot wait until 1 November when we take government and sort things out.