



Speech By  
**Michael Crandon**


**MEMBER FOR COOMERA**

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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

**Coomera Electorate**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.19 pm): I rise to alert the House to three matters in the Coomera electorate that are somewhat urgent. There are many issues, but I would like to bring these burning issues to the attention of the House. I wrote to Paul Noonan, the regional director at the Department of Transport and Main Roads, about a matter in my electorate that we have been pursuing for some time. I refer to the exit 41 upgrades that were hard fought for by the community. Some 50 per cent of the funding came from the federal government and the Labor Party came kicking and screaming to the table and finally put money on the table on the day of the budget.

The bottom line is that we need a slip lane on the north bound side of highway back into the Norfolk Village community. That has been knocked back on several occasions, including a petition on the issue. We are now having a public meeting. I have written again to the regional director asking him if he could please have some people come along to discuss the issues with the community. He has forwarded that email to the minister for the minister's consideration. We are yet to hear from him. The meeting is on 29 September at 6 pm so we are running out of time. I am hopeful that we will hear from the minister shortly to confirm that we can have some TMR people come along to discuss the issues with the community.

The second matter relates to the new Coomera State Special School, which I recently toured. It is an amazing facility. We as a community have a concern—and indeed the feedback I have been getting from right around the area informs this—that we do not have a set of traffic lights in place on the corner of Foxwell Road at the school. Foxwell Road is a very busy road. We have tried to organise a meeting. We are trying again now through regional director John Norfolk, who has been very helpful in trying to arrange this meeting with TMR, the Gold Coast city council et cetera. The response to the initial inquiry was that it was not needed. No-one inquired of me about it. We will have that meeting and hopefully those traffic lights will be put in. It is the Coomera State Special School that we are talking about. Many small buses will come in and out of that street all the time.

The final matter on which I am awaiting a response from the minister—normally she is very quick to respond to me—is in relation to a letter I wrote to the minister about Cedar Creek State School's Albert Hall that we are looking to have closed in. I have written to the minister again. I wrote on 2 August and today is 16 September. I look forward to hearing from the minister.

*(Time expired)*