



Speech By Michael Crandon

MEMBER FOR COOMERA

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Mr CRANDON (Coomera—LNP) (7.05 pm): I have a number of topics to discuss tonight. First, among the gold medal haul at the Commonwealth Games—according to Judy from my office, who is a netball tragic—was the gold medal won by the Australian netball team. I put that on the record for Judy. Well done, Australian netball.

Next is Alberton Ormeau Cricket Club's Big Bash. This coming Sunday, everyone is invited to the Big Bash at Alberton Ormeau Cricket Club in Alberton, where a fundraiser is happening. Preston Campbell Foundation is the beneficiary. Many thousands of dollars is expected to be raised. Preston Campbell will be there, as will many other sporting personalities.

The 2021 Census results have confirmed that the Coomera electorate wins across all areas in relation to population. We have around 86,000 residents and the highest number of residents in all of the younger categories, with 40 per cent of those 86,000 aged under 25 years. There are 50,324 voters. This is 33.18 per cent over quota.

That brings me to my fourth point: infrastructure investment and the timing of it. I give a big tick for both private and state schools. It is fantastic. We have plenty happening in that regard. In terms of police, fire and emergency services, after a long fight we have all of that infrastructure in place. However, we fail in a couple of areas. The train station, which was announced in 2017, is not being delivered until 2024. It was going to be in 2025 until we put pressure on the government. With regard to M1 exit upgrades, there is not a dollar for exit 38 in any budget since 2018 when the business case was put. At exit 41 there is no slip lane. It has been knocked back time and time again. What about the bandaid solution at exit 45? They could not even get the signage right. The minister said this morning that I am whingeing about the sign. I tell you what: 28,500 people on my Facebook page are also whingeing about it. It does impact them and they were not happy. What about exit 49? What is going on with QTRIP? It tells us the money—\$38 million—will be spent in 2024-25, yet the pundits tell us it is going to be delivered in 2024. How are you going to do that—unless you are fudging the numbers, Minister?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member, you will put your comments through the chair and use correct parliamentary titles.

Mr CRANDON: I think I have run out of time.

(Time expired)