




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Coomera Electorate, Bus Services

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.06 pm): I wish I could spend all of my three minutes talking about the many positive things that are happening in the Coomera electorate. I would talk about students in year 5 and year 2/3 at Gainsborough State School who have been talking about the three levels of government or year 6 students from Rivermount College who have been questioning the issues facing our local community. I would talk about the Biggest Morning Tea in the Canelands, which raised funds for the Cancer Council or Gloves Up, which is a program for youth run at the World Gym at Coomera. I would talk about the Everything Suave fundraiser that was held by the Rotary Club of Ormeau-Pimpama to support another great youth program in my electorate.

Sadly, though, once again I have to talk about the slow delivery of bus services in the Coomera electorate. Responses to petitions sponsored by me are due before the next sitting week and I look forward to those responses from the minister. I will be clear: the minister committed to additional bus services in the Coomera electorate in the 2022 budget and at our next sitting week the 2023 budget will be handed down. We are a year down the track and we have seen fewer than half of those services delivered to date.

Sadly, not only have they been slow in delivery; we have also seen some terrible circumstances where at times the first bus service in the morning and other services have been cancelled, leaving young people and aged people on the side of the road. One lady who comes to mind is a volunteer at the Gold Coast University Hospital. She was left on the side of the road several times and was not able to get to the hospital to fulfil her volunteering role at the Gold Coast University Hospital.

Those sorts of things cause chaos in the lives of people. I am calling on the government and this minister to give me some positive responses to the petitions that have been lodged. I call on them to give me some positive outcomes for the people of the northern Gold Coast from the perspective of the delivery of bus services that have been funded since 2022 and, indeed, have been on the agenda since the Gold Coast city council provided the funding for those services in 2021.

I need those bus services to be delivered as a matter of urgency. I also need a guarantee that they will be delivered on time. Every one of those services needs to arrive when they are meant to arrive for all of the people of the northern Gold Coast.