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ADJOURNMENT

Road Infrastructure; Anzac Day

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (6.24 pm): With the continued population growth on the northern Gold Coast, we are seeing more and more vehicles getting stuck at our local M1 interchanges, pushing the roads way beyond their capacity. Late last year, I asked questions of the minister about vehicle numbers on our local state controlled roads. We are seeing an unsustainable increase in the use of those roads, especially, as I said, near our motorway interchanges.

Here are some of the numbers the minister reported: as at 2022, 12,173 vehicles used Maudsland Road near Cobb and Co Drive; 19,127 used Tamborine Oxenford Road west of the John Muntz Bridge; 32,923 vehicles used Hope Island Road near Monterey Keys Drive. All of those roads feed into the exit 57 interchange. Some 40,000 vehicles per day use Foxwell Road. That road feeds into exit 54. Both interchanges are struggling with huge vehicle volumes. We need an alternative east-west link that traverses the M1 Motorway, taking vehicles away from those contested interchanges and connecting Upper Coomera and Coomera. This will also help the vehicles on the western side of the motorway to access the Coomera Connector, therefore reducing traffic numbers on the M1 Motorway.

I would like to thank the northern Gold Coast sub branch, the Coomera Valley Rotary, Geoff Benson and the Helensvale Lions for each hosting Anzac Day events across the electorate of Theodore. Your tireless work is greatly appreciated. Many of our community are saddened by the news that this year could be the last Anzac Day service held at Maudsland. Geoff Benson and the Helensvale Lions have proudly hosted that service for 17 years. The community would be very disappointed if a path forward cannot be found to allow the event to continue. Anzac Day is a sacred day in our community calendar. As a community, we should do all we can to respect this important day and allow that service to continue. There is a dispute over the legal liabilities in the event of an accident on the land, which is the reason this has come about. I do hope, for the good of the community, that we can find a path forward to ensure that wonderful service can continue and the people of the Coomera Valley can enjoy their own dawn service.