




Speech By
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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.58 pm): A real potpourri of events have occurred over the last few weeks in the state seat of Coomera—not the least of which was the presentation of a new bus by the Rotary Club of Ormeau-Pimpama to Esuarve. The member for Broadwater and Leader of the Opposition, from the adjoining seat, came along to witness that. Esuarve is an amazing organisation that has a gold standard youth program that is turning lives around. Once again, the member for Broadwater and Leader of the Opposition attended a crime forum with me where we heard from Melinda Belovari from Autobarn Upper Coomera who was ram raided not once but twice within a week. We met many other residents who have been targeted by youth and young adults in and around the northern Gold Coast.

We had a coffee with a cop to discuss what is going on locally. I have to say that our police are working very hard with very limited resources. I know that police numbers at the Coomera and Pimpama stations are down by 25 per cent. In that regard it is a real battle for them, but they are doing the best they can with those limited resources. I also had the pleasure of being grilled by year 6 students from Coomera Anglican—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Order! Pause the clock, please. Members, there is too much noise in the chamber apart from the member who has the call. Could you please take your conversations outside or be quiet.

Mr CRANDON: I also had the pleasure of being grilled by year 6 students from Coomera Anglican College about what a member of parliament does and, indeed, what some of the local issues are. What did these year 6 students raise with me? You guessed it: youth crime, traffic issues and roads. Would you believe that they were the questions that came from those year 6 students? Of course, the school is located at exit 54, which is an absolute nightmare every day, so they live it every day.

We had a wonderful JPs' morning tea. I want to thank Commissioner of Declarations Mary Taylor for her 25-plus years of service to the community and Russell Linwood, who has done 48 years as a justice of the peace. It was a wonderful morning tea enjoyed by all.

I also had the pleasure of presenting to Sara Syme, P&C President from the Pimpama State Secondary College—in fact, the inaugural P&C chair, having been there for 12 years. She has now stepped down after 12 years, having seen all of her kids go through as students at the school.

I celebrated International Women's Day last Friday with 11 amazing women at a high tea co-hosted by Dr Tanya Unni and with four wonderful speakers, not the least of which was a young lady who was the junior member for Coomera for two years in this place. Today I celebrate 15 years in this place—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member's time has expired.

Mr CRANDON: I look forward to continuing to serve the people of the northern Gold Coast—
(Time expired)