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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.51 pm): I rise to raise awareness of the infrastructure needs for the northern Gold Coast. We have several petitions calling for that infrastructure to be built in the Coomera electorate, and I will outline some of that infrastructure now. The first is the traffic congestion at Coomera exit 54 and the surrounding roads. We need additional east-west connectivity across the M1 to resolve those issues around exit 54. Things are only going to get worse with a new hospital coming online—indeed, more than one new hospital coming online—and the Coomera Connector finishing and spilling on to Foxwell Road. We desperately need those additional east-west roads.

There was a \$13 million bandaid solution provided for exit 45 instead of the \$130 million full upgrade of exit 45. Again, we see a situation where the bandaid solution fixed the safety issue off the M1, and I am thankful for that. However, it created an absolute nightmare for people. I hear from people all of the time about this issue. In fact, I experienced it myself. It took me 25 minutes to get across the M1 at exit 45 from the garage on one side to the roundabout on the other—it is about 150 metres—and others have told me that it has taken them up to an hour just to get across exit 45. The new minister has the business case for exit 38 on his desk. The former minister had the business case for exit 38 on his desk from 2019 and there has not been one dollar in any budget since then.

We need additional bus services between Beenleigh Railway Station and Ormeau Railway Station. These were promised two years ago but still not yet delivered. For some reason or other everywhere else—other than the fastest growing region in Queensland—seems to be getting additional bus services but not the fastest growing region. We have been fighting for a Jacobs Well bus service for a decade and there are still no daily bus services out to the thriving community of Jacobs Well and the canelands community. In terms of the construction of the Coomera Connector's next stages, as I mentioned before, everything is going to spill on to Foxwell Road at the current staged completion. There is nothing planned and no money for construction north of Shipper Drive. We need the next three sections of the Coomera Connector to be resolved and built.

With regard to TAFE centres of excellence for health and nursing, earlier I mentioned the new hospitals coming onboard. Where will we get the staff? We need a TAFE centre of excellence. Where should it be? Right there where the TAFE college is adjacent to the new hospital precinct so that we can have the nursing staff working across the road at the new hospital, and the list goes on. We need additional services for the northern Gold Coast.