




Speech By
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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (8.36 pm): The people of the northern Gold Coast await the budget with what I would like to say is great anticipation, but, unfortunately, I think it is more like trepidation for the people of the northern Gold Coast. First of all, going through from the top of the northern Gold Coast, we have exit 38. The previous minister had the business case for exit 38 on his desk for four years from November 2019. There has not been one dollar in any budget since. At exit 45, the people of Ormeau can spend up to an hour to get over the M1. Yes, there was \$13 million spent on a bandaid solution to fix a safety issue coming off the M1. It has created a massive issue when you get off the M1; it should have been a \$130 million spend. Going down to exit 54, the previous minister is on record as saying he will not do anything about east-west connectivity. He is not going to do anything about—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): Pause the clock. Member for Coomera, resume your seat. Member for Millar, what is your point of order?

Mr BAILEY: I find those comments personally offensive and inaccurate. I ask that he withdraw them.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member has taken personal offence. Will you withdraw?

Mr CRANDON: I am not sure what I am withdrawing.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, you have identified the member for Millar.

Mr CRANDON: I withdraw. The previous minister is on record in the media refusing to do anything about east-west connectivity around exit 54 or do any further upgrades around exit 54. On the Coomera Connector, not one dollar—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Coomera, resume your seat. Member for Millar, what is your point of order?

Mr BAILEY: Again, I find the comments personally offensive and inaccurate and I ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member has taken personal offence. I ask that you withdraw.

Mr CRANDON: I withdraw. On the Coomera Connector, once again, there was no planning or funding from the previous minister. For exit 54 not one dollar. North of Shipper Drive, not one penny.

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Millar, what is your point of order?

Mr BAILEY: He has personally referenced me again. His statements are inaccurate. I find them personally offensive and I ask that he withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Millar has taken personal offence. I would ask that you withdraw, member for Coomera.

Mr CRANDON: I withdraw. Not one dollar was available in any budget since 2019 for any construction north of Shipper Drive. This government promised bus services three years ago. Where are they now? We are still waiting. We still have no idea what will happen with the bus service to Jacobs Well. We have no idea about additional bus services between Beenleigh and Ormeau. We can only say that the previous transport and main roads minister was a failure for the people of the northern Gold Coast on the simple basis—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I find those comments personally offensive and I ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Coomera, the member for Miller has taken personal offence. Will you withdraw?

Mr CRANDON: I withdraw. The people of Ormeau, the people of Coomera, the people of—

Ms McMILLAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I ask you to consider a ruling in relation to the member ignoring your ruling as the chair. The member continues to have to be addressed around his directions to the member for Miller.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Mansfield. That is not a point of order. I will continue to run the chamber.

Mr CRANDON: The people of Ormeau, the people of Yatala, the people of the canelands, the people of Coomera, the people of Upper Coomera—all of the people up and down the northern Gold Coast from Coomera in the south up to Yatala in the north—have been failed by this government and the minister currently sitting in the chamber has failed the people of the northern Gold Coast. The previous minister was deaf to the calls for assistance and some sort of respite from all of the traffic jams that they experience on the northern Gold Coast each and every day and he should be ashamed of himself.