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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Eight Mile Plains, Road Infrastructure**

 **Mr RUSSO** (Toohey—ALP) (10.59 pm): I rise today to address the ongoing concerns surrounding the intersection of Miles Platting, Padstow and Logan roads in Eight Mile Plains. In 2009, the Queensland government proposed an upgrade to address the congestion and safety issues at this critical junction. Planning commenced in 2008, with construction initially promised by 2011. However, as we stand here today, the project remains incomplete.

In 2015, work was undertaken, including extending Warrigal Road to create a busway and adding a lane from exit 14 northbound to London Street. Alterations were also made to the island and the right-turn lanes from Logan Road to Padstow Road. Unfortunately, the project did not continue to provide a dedicated left-turn lane into Miles Platting Road. As a result, large volumes of traffic are using residential streets in this area as a 'rat run' between Logan Road and Miles Platting Road.

Residents have advised that this has led to over 1,000 vehicles, including trucks and buses, passing through these streets daily, often at high speeds, ignoring stop signs, using mobile phones, overtaking in narrow streets, and causing disturbances with revving motors and screeching tyres. The majority of these issues occur during the afternoon peak period, posing added dangers to pedestrians, school children and parents with prams.

In 2024, the Department of Transport and Main Roads awarded a tender to AECOM to produce a detailed planning study based on previously identified low-cost options to upgrade the intersection. Despite the department's assurances that 'planning is ongoing', the reality for my constituents is consistent congestion, unsafe rat-running in residential streets, and increasing danger for pedestrians and school children.

Now, in 2025, after extensive planning, promises and community feedback, no upgrade has been provided. Frustrated residents have recorded cars travelling at 100 kilometres per hour, double the speed limit on these suburban streets. Complaints of hooning, failure to stop at stop signs and excessive speeding have sadly become the norm.

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