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 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (6.10 pm): Multiple residents have expressed their concerns about the proposed intersection upgrade at Maudsland Road and Beaudesert Nerang Road. Many residents agree that a safety upgrade is needed. They are nonetheless concerned that some logical improvements have not been incorporated into the design. In particular, these residents have requested that the department reconsider the decision not to install a ‘turn left at any time with care’ lane from Maudsland Road onto Beaudesert Nerang Road. The current design forces motorists wishing to turn left to stop at the intersection and wait for a signal change before they can continue. The installation of a ‘turn left at any time with care’ lane will reduce queuing and will reduce the amount of time the traffic signals need to be activated. This would allow for a freer flow of traffic on Beaudesert Nerang Road. I believe that these are reasonable requests by residents, and I hope the minister and his department hear these concerns.

Another issue of concern was the Oxenford hard rock quarry. On 21 August 2019, I asked the Parliamentary Library to research the buffer zone requirements for key resource areas in relation to hard rock mining, specifically with regard to dust, noise and vibration. The *State Planning Policy—state interest guideline: Mining and extractive resources* states—

Separation area—the area surrounding the resource/processing area that is required in order to maintain separation from people who may be affected by residual impacts such as noise, dust and ground vibrations of existing or future extractive operations within the resource/processing area. This area is designed to maintain an adequate buffer between extractive operations and incompatible uses.

The minimum distance is 200 metres for resources that do not require blasting or crushing to extract (sand, gravel and clay) and 1000 metres for hard rock resources as blasting and crushing of material is required. In some cases the separation area may be less than the minimum distances in consideration of local features such as topography or existing development commitments.

In reference to a *Gold Coast Bulletin* article, the Gold Coast council officers recommended a full approval, knowing that the quarry is within a short distance of residential properties, far less than the 1,000 metres—about 150 metres—and topographical terrain cannot compensate for a such a small distance. Therefore, what is the point of the state requiring buffer zones around key resource areas—hard rock quarries—when council officers simply ignore them?