



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR THEODORE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Theodore Electorate, Roads and Transport; Godbold, Inspector A

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (6.25 pm): This week I again placed a question on notice to the transport minister regarding the Coomera Connector, specifically referring to Helensvale Road and the important feeder—

**Mr RYAN:** I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. I seek your direction around the same question rule. The member started his contribution by saying that he asked a question on notice. Now he is seeking to speak to that question on notice.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Martin): It is not a point of order.

**Mr BOOTHMAN:** Thank you for protection, Mr Deputy Speaker. Helensvale Road traverses the heart of the suburb of Helensvale and is a major connection road for Hope Island, Paradise Point and Oxenford. I have previously mentioned in this chamber the heavy congestion that occurs on Helensvale Road, especially during school pickup and drop-off times. Additionally, much of the length of this road is a single-lane, bidirectional carriageway.

Helensvale Road simply will not cope with the additional traffic that the Coomera Connector will force onto it. The minister has previously answered a question on notice claiming that the council receives developer contributions to perform the necessary upgrades, yet at a recent Helensvale Neighbourhood Watch meeting the local councillor stated that council had no available funds. Again, I urge the minister to facilitate a funding agreement between the Gold Coast City council and the state government to ensure that Helensvale Road receives the necessary upgrades and that commuters are not left with a half-thought-out plan that will continually gridlock and cause congestion on our local roads.

On another topic, residents have expressed their concerns about the Hope Island Railway Station and its 179 car-parking facilities. Currently, local businesses and government department workers use the proposed train station site as a parking facility. If this behaviour continues it will leave limited parking for commuters, therefore forcing more vehicles to use the already congested residential streets. Furthermore, local streets will simply not be able to cater for this amount of vehicles. These congested, narrow streets can be difficult to traverse, especially for emergency vehicles, potentially placing lives at risk. Residents have a reasonable request: build sufficient car parks to cater for the expected number of transport commuters and do not force workers who already use this area to park on local streets. Please build at least 500 car spaces.

Finally, I give a big shout-out to the recently promoted Inspector Andrew Godbold, who now is moving to the Mackay area. Andrew was a fantastic officer for the Coomera region. He served the Coomera region with dedication and distinction. He will be sorely missed. I wish him all the best when he moves to Mackay. The Mackay region has a great ally and a great officer coming their way.