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 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (6.25 pm): Tonight I want to speak about some local issues for the Theodore electorate, predominantly to do with roads. The safety upgrade for Michigan Drive and Tamborine-Oxenford Road is desperately needed. It is certainly something that residents have been waiting a long time for and it is something that I have been very vocal about for many years. There is a little issue: we are hoping that the department sees some sense and includes Georgina Street in the upgrade. The entrance to Georgina Street is in the middle of two long sweeping bends. A lot of vehicles use the main road. As I have alluded to in the House before, Tamborine-Oxenford Road can be used by up to 19,000 vehicles per day. The long sweeping bend where Georgina Street is located is used by heavy vehicles such as the Coles trucks that go up to Mount Tamborine and the quarry trucks from the local area. Residents who live on that street fear that they will end up with a vehicle in the tail pipe of their car. They need a slip lane to take them safely off the road while allowing other vehicles to continue along safely.

I want to quickly talk about Charlies Crossing Road and Tamborine-Oxenford Road, which the department is working on. As I said, 19,000 cars use that main road every single day. We have a beloved cenotaph in that location and we want to make sure it is respected and looked after properly. The original statue is no longer on the cenotaph. The old cenotaph used to have statue of a soldier with a British service cap and bandolier across the chest. The newer version of the statue has a slouch hat and is missing the bandolier across the chest. Damage has been caused to the cenotaph previously.

Residents want to make sure that the cenotaph in its current form is there for generations to come and is respected by all those who travel past. We are looking to the department to take a lot of care of the cenotaph. We need it kept close to its current location because a lot of the older families in the area will salute the cenotaph as they drive past. It is certainly very precious to my local community and I hope it is treated with respect by the department. Perhaps we could requisition some of the vets land to make a decent park to hold Anzac Day services in in the future. That would be truly wonderful for my community. That is something that Main Roads can look into.

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