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## ADJOURNMENT

### Theodore Electorate, Roads

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (6.25 pm): I rise tonight to talk about a road project that is almost underway in the electorate of Theodore and that is the upgrade to Tamborine Oxenford Road and Michigan Drive. The Department of Main Roads is planning to signalise this intersection. Residents are concerned about the noise of heavy vehicles using this road, especially when the vehicles have to stop at the traffic lights and then accelerate up the hill to the top of the ridge. This will create an enormous amount of noise for those houses beside the intersection. In a question on notice I asked the minister about this and the response from the minister was—

I am advised the minor safety improvement works proposed for the Tamborine-Oxenford Road and Michigan Drive intersection will not cause any significant changes to the noise environment and, therefore, will not require a noise assessment or noise amelioration works.

This is a major thoroughfare for Tamborine Mountain. A lot of heavy vehicles use this road daily. If they are stopped at these traffic lights and are forced to start from zero and accelerate up the hill it will create an enormous amount of noise. Residents have a genuine complaint and they feel they need to be listened to. They are asking for sound barriers to be installed as part of this road upgrade. Another concern they have is the pedestrian crossing that will be included as part of the upgrade. A lot of younger people will use that, but then they will walk along the road heading towards the Coomera River where they all love to go swimming—especially in summertime—and this will potentially place people in harm's way.

Finally I would like to give a big shout-out to my rural fire brigades who have been doing a fantastic job and putting in a tireless effort. There are rural fire brigades all over the state on high alert with the dry conditions. My local brigades are regularly sending units outside of their district to help other brigades and Queenslanders in need. First officer for Goranba Rural Fire Brigade, Red, and first officer for Coomera Valley Rural Fire Brigade, Matt, are true champions. Their teams always put on the yellow uniforms and go out to fight the fires. They never hesitate. They are always there. Our community is forever in your debt.