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 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (5.13 pm): I rise this afternoon to speak about some infrastructure issues in the great electorate of Albert. The M1 runs the length of the electorate. It is the main transport corridor for residents who travel to the Gold Coast and Brisbane for employment every day. Unfortunately, there has not been any work done on a lot of the interchanges. There was a very welcome funding package provided by the previous treasurer for work to be done at exit 54. This will certainly help to alleviate a lot of congestion around the Upper Coomera area.

The exit a little further south, exit 57, straddles the Upper Coomera, Oxenford and Helensvale districts. It is a major intersection. Vehicles that traverse this intersection come from areas like Tamborine Mountain and Hope Island. It is an extremely important intersection in my electorate.

At this interchange there are eight entry points and three sets of lights within a very short distance of each other. This causes an enormous amount of traffic congestion during peak hour. It is also extremely confusing for motorists who are not familiar with the area. Due to the current line markings, motorists unfortunately seem to swap lanes mid intersection. It has caused some near misses.

This is an issue that I certainly get a lot of emails about and hear a lot of discussion about when I do my roadside electorate work down the road from there. I have spoken to the Department of Transport and Main Roads about this on numerous occasions.

Some wonderful work has taken place on the Coomera side of the M1 in the electorate of my colleague the member for Coomera, Michael Crandon. We still need to rectify the fundamental problem with the interchange. That is that there is an enormous amount of queuing, especially on my side of the highway along Heathwood Drive. Around school drop off and pickup times there is a traffic jam which literally goes for kilometres. It results in enormous delays for my residents.

We have set up a petition for residents to sign to highlight the importance of this interchange for my local community. I ask all residents to get onto my Facebook page and sign this petition to further emphasise how important this piece of infrastructure is.