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ADJOURNMENT

Theodore Electorate, Tamborine Oxenford Road

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (6.07 pm): Last year I wrote to the department of main roads about a proposed new fuel station along Tamborine Oxenford Road, Upper Coomera. I expressed the concerns of multiple local residents about the proposed location and the impact it would have on this road infrastructure. The department of main roads replied explaining that they were following the guidelines which are set out for them and they did not see any problem with it.

The opening of this new fuel station has dramatically increased the precarious situation for motorists exiting Charlies Crossing Road and those heading west along Tamborine Oxenford Road. The problem I found with Main Roads was they failed to factor in the increased traffic that this new development would bring to the local area. Therefore, it is causing no end of headaches for those motorists coming out of Charlies Crossing Road. Adding to the local businesses already in the area, there are increased traffic movements, cars reversing out onto a major road and people doing illegal U-turns across double lines. There are also line-of-sight issues because of where the cenotaph is located. It is only a matter of time before a serious accident happens in this area.

I also thank the local residents for their response to the petition to fix exit 57. It has been an overwhelming success. Many people went online to sign the petition to vent their frustration at what has happened at this interchange. As I said at the last sittings, the government's own statistical information predicts that 15,000 people will move into the area in and around Oxenford. As residents keep saying, we need a permanent solution. We do not need short-sighted, bandaid fixes that fail to address population growth in this area. Therefore, we need bypasses and flyovers that allow for the continual movement of traffic in this area. Unfortunately, most residents are not happy with the proposed design and are desperate to see some forward planning.

I give a big shout-out to my local Sikh community. During the COVID crisis they have been helping out my local community by cooking meals. They have made many thousands of meals at their own expense, helping those in need. To Surjit and his Sikh community, thank you so much. On behalf of all on the northern Gold Coast, you have done a fantastic job and you should be very proud of what you achieved in this time. Keep up the good work. I hope to see Surjit again in the very near future.