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Moggill Electorate

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (11.52 pm): Tonight I rise to call on the Palaszczuk Labor government to deliver improved infrastructure and transport services in my electorate of Moggill. The Moggill electorate has long been neglected with respect to the provision of public transport to the suburbs of Karana Downs, Anstead and Mount Crosby. The only accessible bus service to this area runs between the city and the suburbs of Bellbowrie and Moggill. Local residents of the area west of Bellbowrie have no bus service at all and need to travel to Moggill Road to connect with the 444 Moggill-City service. This is clearly not good enough. I call on the Labor government to provide a reliable, direct and regular public transport service for residents of Karana Downs, Anstead and Mount Crosby.

I also call on the Palaszczuk Labor government to provide an additional high school in my electorate, which has 11 primary schools and only one high school. This one high school is located in Kenmore. Hundreds of schoolchildren have to travel to Kenmore every day or, alternatively, enrol at high schools in Ipswich. There is a growing need for an additional school given an increasing population and changing demographics.

I further call on the Palaszczuk Labor government to construct a footbridge at Colleges Crossing. Colleges Crossing is very close to Mount Crosby State School. There is a park on the Ipswich side of Colleges Crossing which the local community like to use, but to get there they have to drive or walk over the road bridge. The park provides facilities for exercise as well as a children's playground, and I join with local families who are concerned for the safety of the children who use it.

My last call is for urgent action to be taken to ease traffic congestion on Moggill Road, particularly through Kenmore. This is a busy arterial road used by thousands of vehicles in their daily commute as the only transport corridor in and out of the Moggill electorate. I am sure that an improved public transport service would greatly reduce the number of private vehicles using the road every day.

Despite the tabling of a petition by me in relation to the residents of Sugarwood, at Bellbowrie, the government has failed to listen to the transport needs of these locals. Local residents are becoming more and more frustrated every day with traffic congestion as they approach the roundabout which links Moggill and Brookfield roads. It can take up to 20 minutes to travel from Our Lady of the Rosary school past the Kenmore State School on the way to the Kenmore roundabout during morning peak hour. Then in the afternoon there is the same crawl from the Centenary Highway through Chapel Hill back to Kenmore. This is just not good enough. Serious consideration needs to be given to improving this traffic flow, as more and more families are moving into the areas of Bellbowrie, Moggill, Anstead, Karana Downs, Mount Crosby, Lake Manchester and beyond.

Given that Labor promised at the last election to deliver an integrated road and public transport plan for the electorate of Moggill, I call upon the Palaszczuk government to provide details of what planning has been undertaken and what services and additional infrastructure will be delivered during its current term of government.

In my remaining time I acknowledge the students, parents, teachers and P&C committees of a number of my local schools. Recently, the Upper Brookfield State School had its 100-year celebrations. That was a terrific event. Also, Moggill State School held its annual Mogganza in the school's 150th year. To Principal Darren Marsh at Moggill State School and everyone else involved in that special event: congratulations on another successful year.