



Speech by

**Mr N. ROBERTS**

**MEMBER FOR NUDGE**

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#### **CAR PARK, NORTHGATE RAILWAY STATION**

**Mr ROBERTS** (Nudgee—ALP) (10.23 a.m.): I wish to report on a significant victory for the residents of Northgate. Queensland Rail has announced the construction of a major car parking facility on the eastern, non-residential side of the Northgate Railway Station. Queensland Rail had originally intended to construct a multilevel car park to the west of the station. This welcome decision comes after almost two years of intensive lobbying. I have consistently argued that the best outcome for local residents would be to construct a new car park to the east of the station. Local residents on the western side have for too long experienced traffic difficulties and the inconvenience of up to 150 cars parking in their streets. I applaud Queensland Rail and the new Transport Minister for taking notice of these concerns.

The new car park will be situated between Holland Street and Melton Road. Initially, it will be a ground-level car park with scope for multilevel construction when demand grows. The location of the car park at this site will lessen the impact of traffic on the more heavily populated western side of the station. Additional car parking will also be constructed on the western side in the vicinity of Toombul Street. This will compensate for the loss of car parking spaces during construction of an extra railway line, which will encroach into the existing car park. I am advised that the net result will be about the same number of car parking spaces being available on the western side of the station.

The new facility on the eastern side will initially cater for between 80 and 100 vehicles, with the capacity for many more when additional levels are added. This is a significant decision for Northgate residents. Almost 150 local residents signed a petition supporting my calls for this course of action. I am extremely grateful for their support and also to Queensland Rail and the Minister for listening to my constituents' concerns.

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