



Speech by

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Mr ROBERTS (Nudgee—ALP) (10.17 a.m.): The Beattie Labor Government has announced a \$6m contribution towards relocation of the Australian Catholic University from Mitchelton to the Banyo seminary. The ACU is a major provider of courses for teachers, nurses and other health care workers. I welcome this move, as I believe it will provide significant long-term benefits to the people of Banyo and Nudgee, to our local schools and to our business community.

There will of course be impacts which will need to be managed appropriately. In that regard I am appreciative of the desire of university representatives to work closely with local representatives and the community to address these issues. One aspect that will help is the university's intention to have a new main driveway entrance off Nudgee Road, on the golf course side of the Banyo Tavern.

This is an exciting development for my electorate. It will provide a sound basis for me to argue for improvements to local services and facilities affecting schools, public transport and the general community. This is just another example of a Government hard at work.

Dean Wells was in office just one month when he visited the site with me and the member for Chermside, Terry Sullivan. He saw the enormous potential of this proposal and has managed to secure significant levels of Government financial support. I thank the Minister and the member for Chermside for their support and look forward to working with the community and the university to ensure that this relocation results in the best possible outcomes for my constituents.
