



Speech by

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**STATION ROAD UPGRADE, WOODRIDGE ELECTORATE**

**Mrs DESLEY SCOTT** (Woodridge—ALP) (7.00 p.m.): During my years listening to the complaints and concerns of the people of Woodridge there has long been one area of the city which has had more than its fair share of problems. I refer to the Woodridge Railway Station and the Station Road precinct. This area is the location of many of our government departments and community organisations, as well as the Commonwealth Bank and post office. It is indeed the gateway to Logan Central when arriving in our city by rail. Unfortunately, this area has developed a reputation for crime and drug taking and is an area to be avoided at night. I am pleased to inform the House that, due to a collaborative project by our state government, the Logan City Council and Queensland Rail, this area is to undergo revitalisation, with stage 1 to cost in excess of \$1 million.

There has been a great deal of consultation over quite a number of years, with the Station Business Association, Station Road traders and the local community all involved in the process which has been conducted by the Logan City Council. I particularly acknowledge the work done by Reg Johns, Karen Peachey, Lea Budge and Councillor Russell Lutton of the Logan City Council. A community consultative committee was formed, made up of representatives of Woodridge Community Renewal, the Station Road traders, the Station Business Association and Woodridge High School representatives, as well as members of the community and a committee from the Logan City Council. Mr Martin Cooper, Director of the Ridgemill Project Management Company, has been appointed to manage the project and he recently outlined the project when he spoke at a breakfast meeting at the Logan Diggers Club.

Work is now progressing on the railway station, with a lift being installed to assist the disabled and elderly to access the platform. Our Police Service has been involved in a safety strategy for the area, and security cameras are in the process of being installed along Station Road. They will soon be operational. A bus interchange will also be commenced shortly. Residents now have an opportunity to view the Station Road upgrade plan, with its street beautification, including trees, shrubs and gardens, pavers and attractive street furniture, improved lighting, a town square, improved car parking facilities and easy access to public transport.

Mr Nick Vlahos has been generous enough to make a shop available along Station Road where residents may view the upgrade plan. Our city is putting on a new face, but I am happy to report that it will not only be more aesthetically attractive; in many aspects the citizens of Logan City are seeing and will continue to see improvements.

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