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WESTERN CORRIDOR RECYCLED WATER PIPELINE

Ms PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (11.56 am): Now for something positive. I am pleased to report that construction and community consultation in relation to the western corridor recycled water pipeline are proceeding well. A few months ago the member for Mount Ommaney and I were fortunate enough to view firsthand the Tyco pipes that were being stored at Wacol. They covered the size of at least football fields. Once again I remind the House that these Tyco pipes are manufactured locally in my electorate.

This pipeline will link waste water treatment plants at Oxley, Wacol and Goodna to the new advanced water treatment plant at Bundamba. This project will also involve the construction of new pump stations at Oxley, Wacol and Goodna. It is anticipated that this work will be completed by the middle of next year. This work is now well underway with over three kilometres of pipeline having been laid and pipeline construction occurring at Wacol and Wolston roads. Microtunnelling activities have commenced at the Oxley Station Road, Wacol Road and the Centenary Highway crossings.

I am now advised that the second stage of the pipeline is due to progress from Bundamba through to Luggage Point. This pipeline will go through parts of Camira, Carol Park and Ellen Grove in my electorate. It will cover some 70 kilometres. Next week the community engagement team will take local environmental groups and me out to Ellen Grove to look at the route the pipeline will take.

Yesterday, the community relations team ran a successful community engagement session at Camira State School. The community engagement team is so keen to get their message out there that I also ran into them at the Darra street party festival on Friday night. Two weeks ago they accompanied Dr Wallis from the Richlands history group on site to ensure that a significant historical site at Wacol will not be adversely impacted on during the construction phase.

I would like to commend the community engagement team that not only keeps me informed of developments but also keeps the community at large informed about the progress of the western corridor recycled water pipeline. I am also encouraged by the fact that the team is trying its utmost to minimise disruption to people in the construction phase by personally visiting them. The Western Corridor Recycled Water Project is the largest recycled water scheme to be constructed in Australia and will be the largest project of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. It clearly shows the government's commitment to securing the water supply to south-east Queensland.