



Speech by

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## **PARK-AND-RIDE STATION, ASPLEY HYPERMARKET**

**Ms BARRY** (Aspley—ALP) (6.17 pm): I am pleased to advise the House that it was my pleasure recently on behalf of the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to open another on-time, on-budget infrastructure project in the electorate of Aspley. The opening of the \$1.3 million Aspley park-and-ride station at the Aspley Hypermarket is part of TransLink's bus infrastructure rolling program to upgrade bus facilities which will improve access to public transport and is a vital part of the northern busway. The Aspley park-and-ride is a 41-space car park and air-conditioned transit lounge with up-to-date information on bus timetabling. It is at the busy Aspley Hypermarket and encourages people to leave their cars and catch a bus to the city and has the convenience of being at a large shopping centre so that on their return visit home they can collect for their family's needs. Buses leave the station at peak times every 15 minutes. The funding of \$900,000 from the state government was complemented by \$400,000 by hypermarket owners Yu Feng Pty Ltd and is a valuable partnership that benefits my community. I want to thank the minister and Yu Feng owners for their commitment to this facility.

Aspley is the gateway to Brisbane from the north. Over 90,000 cars pass my office each day from the west and from the north of the city. Getting people out of their cars and on to public transport is critical, not only for the environment but for the quality of life for the people who live in my electorate and all of Brisbane north. I understand that over 60 per cent of workers from Pine Rivers shire and Caboolture travel to the city centre in Brisbane every day for work. Each trip they will drive over 25 kilometres to work and this will produce up to 3.1 tonnes of greenhouse gases annually as well as urban air pollutants. The more people using public transport means that there will be fewer cars on our roads. Each kilometre that you save by not driving to work means less fuel burnt, reducing pollution and greenhouse gases.

It is a worthy goal that each of us can strive towards. So I say to people who travel to the city: stop at the Aspley park-and-ride, enjoy the facility, enjoy the convenience that this great urban facility has to offer and do their bit to save the planet. I want to thank the minister, Paul Lucas, Yu Feng, all the team at TransLink, and the people at the Aspley electorate for their patience. I encourage people to use the Aspley park-and-ride.