



Speech by

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RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (11.48 am): Earlier this month the minister for transport came out to the Inala electorate to announce the \$189 million track upgrade from Corinda to Darra. He also announced a new Darra Railway Station worth \$15 million. This new Darra Railway Station will improve public transport, improve security, provide 60 additional car spaces and also include 40 additional bike lockers.

The Bligh government is delivering vital services to families living and working in the area. Construction on the new Darra Railway Station will commence later this year. In addition, the new Richlands train station will be up and running in four years. Eventually the Richlands connection will go all the way out to Springfield. The people of Inala have waited for years for the Richlands Railway Station. I agree with the minister for transport when he said, 'I never want to see people go through what those people went through in the seventies when we could not even get a Brisbane City Council bus service there.'

The families in Inala were forgotten. The Liberals have denied the people of Inala under successive coalition governments. We were the forgotten people. Under the Liberals they could not even deliver a bus service. Campbell Newman has cut basic services in the suburbs at the expense of his cost blow-outs and obsession with tunnels. The residents of the outer suburbs have been forgotten by Campbell Newman. But our new Labour council candidate for Richlands, Milton Dick, will not forget us. Milton Dick will work with the state government to ensure that we get our fair share from council. He is an outstanding candidate and an outstanding campaigner. He is so good that last Saturday Campbell Newman came out to the Inala Shopping Centre to watch Milton in action. I welcome Campbell Newman coming out to Inala every Saturday during the campaign to watch Milton in action. We will deliver for the people in our community. I look forward to working with Milton over the next years to deliver vital services to our community.