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ROYAL BRISBANE AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, CYCLE CENTRE

Ms GRACE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (11.59 am): The Bligh government does not just talk about sustainable green and congestion-busting projects; we build them. It was a great pleasure yesterday to join the Minister for Transport, Rachel Nolan, to officially open the new environmentally friendly \$8 million cycle centre at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in Herston, which is part of the Northern Busway from Herston to Windsor. It is another great reason for leaving the car at home and riding a bike, jogging or walking to work. The centre provides end-of-trip facilities for cyclists and pedestrians to encourage healthy travel alternatives and get more commuters to leave their cars at home.

It is colocated in the busway station, which makes it easily accessible. It encourages people to leave their bikes in a secure centre, freshen up and change, and then get a bus into the city. This new centre will provide an end-of-trip facility for users of the precinct. It is estimated that up to 18,000 staff, visitors and students travel to the RBWH precinct every day as well as others who work in the Bowen Hills and Herston areas.

This new cycle centre will make it so much easier for people to lead a healthier lifestyle, to get to work in a much easier way and to securely leave their possessions in the over 900 lockers at the centre. There are 750 bicycle parking spaces with the capacity to expand to 900 spaces. There are 40 showers, a towel service, CCTV and other security measures. It is environmentally friendly, it is sustainable and it is the way of the future.

I have now opened three such centres in the area of Brisbane Central. They are being used extensively by workers and visitors. They are a fantastic world-class facility. The minister and I were incredibly impressed with the world-class facilities at Herston. I urge everyone to take advantage of them. We saw people already there doing exactly that.

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