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FLAGSTONE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAREERS EXPO

 **Mr PUCCI** (Logan—LNP) (5.56 pm): It is with great pleasure today to rise to speak about the outstanding efforts that are being undertaken in my electorate of Logan in promoting to our youth the options to further their skills and make the transition from school life into the workforce as seamless and as supportive as possible. On Friday, 20 July, I had the privilege of opening the Flagstone State Community College Careers Expo on behalf of the Hon. John-Paul Langbroek, the Minister for Education, Training and Employment. Flagstone State Community College, supported by both the Logan Country Chamber of Commerce and the Logan Country Junior Chamber of Commerce, hosted the third annual expo at the school, with the first two generating very positive feedback. The careers expo provided students with the unique opportunity to interact and engage with career, vocational and tertiary educational providers. This expo, spearheaded by students from the Junior Chamber of Commerce and supported by their teachers, reached out to students not only from Flagstone but also from surrounding areas such as Park Ridge and Hills College.

The Flagstone State Community College, in reaching out to other schools in the region, gave students who would otherwise not be able to attend the larger careers expo held in urban areas owing to limited public transport and infrastructure the chance to engage with career providers that would otherwise be out of reach. The success of the expo would not have been achievable without the tireless efforts of the students of Flagstone State Community College, especially Karly Bannick, President of the Logan Junior Chamber of Commerce, and Trent Bonnor, Vice-President of the Logan Junior Chamber of Commerce. In addition to completing their academic studies, both Karly and Trent dedicated their spare time to organising and hosting the expo. I would like to commend their efforts today before the House.

I must also acknowledge the strong contribution made by the exhibitors, whose invaluable knowledge and guidance will undoubtedly provide the next generation of apprentices, tertiary students and full-time employees with the options that are so sorely needed in our growing state. The expo received a wide range of exhibitors across-the-board. From hospitality to engineering, from law enforcement to defence and from apprenticeship schemes to university programs, students in my electorate were able to gain firsthand knowledge for the next and crucial step in their lives. With expos like this targeting year 11 students who are about to take on the stressful and demanding rigours of their final year of schooling, providing options to them gives them much needed guidance. I look forward to next year's careers expo and, once again, being involved and supporting the next generation of Queenslanders.