



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR ALGESTER**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Algester Electorate**

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation) (11.23 pm): I rise this evening to share some of the incredible work that is happening in my electorate of Algester. For over a year now I have held a mobile office at every single market day at Grand Avenue State School in Forest Lake and have been accompanied by some amazing volunteers—people like David Tattersall, Naida Hernandez and Don Fraser, who, whatever the weather, are always willing to help me engage with the people of Algester. It is at these markets that I get to meet with small business operators who are engaging in great innovation—businesses like Elanya van Heerdan’s Mad Cow Bakes, which has been expanding their range to meet changing family demands, and Cameron Kath, who sells drought-resistant plants. They join dozens of stallholders including the Grand Avenue State School P&C, which is always hard at work on the barbecue every second Sunday of the month at the very friendly and popular Markets on Grand. I encourage everyone to drop in for all the fun.

Another business in my electorate that has been responding to local needs is Nottingham Road News at the Calamvale Marketplace. The newsagent owners have been lobbying for a go card facility at their shop for many years. Both the member for Stretton and I had petitioned locals to generate support for the service and were recently able to announce the awarding of a go card terminal for the newsagent. This new facility will make public transport easier to use by offering more options for commuters to manage their go card. I was thrilled to be one of the first to top up my own go card at Nottingham Road News and celebrate the success of this campaign.

This morning I was thrilled to join the Treasurer and other Logan MPs to announce a \$450 million market-led proposal from Transurban Queensland to upgrade the Logan Motorway and the Gateway extension corridor. As residents and businesses in my electorate of Algester know, rapid growth has resulted in increased congestion, longer travel times and, sadly, more traffic accidents. During the election campaign and since being elected I have spoken to hundreds of constituents who have shared their concerns about the southbound right-hand turn from Beaudesert Road onto the Logan Motorway. I promised the people of Algester that I would work hard to deliver a solution to this issue after the former member sought to simply close the access point, which would only serve to push more traffic onto local streets.

Transurban’s market-led proposal, announced today, would achieve a solution to this. It would widen parts of the Gateway extension motorway, upgrade interchanges and construct new ramps to ease congestion and improve safety. Transurban has committed to a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process during the detailed proposal phase to ensure a thorough understanding of the project and stakeholder support. I am committed to ensuring locals get a say on the proposed development and share their experiences. With the support of the local community I have lobbied and negotiated for this great announcement, and I want to make sure local knowledge is incorporated into this development. I will continue to work hard for the people of Algester and seek solutions that help our community and our businesses thrive.