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ADJOURNMENT

Mantle Apartments

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (6.41 pm): I rise to speak about a couple of great developments that have occurred in my electorate in recent times. One is the establishment of a group of 14 units called Mantle Apartments, located in the heart of Mitchelton. I want to pay credit to the former minister for communities, the member for Aspley, for her foresight in providing funding for Mantle Apartments. Mantle Apartments is a complex that was funded under the Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Trial with an allocation of \$1 million. I am happy to say that the current government has continued that commitment to that trial.

This is an important development. It is designed for those mature age people with mental health issues who have traditionally lived with their parents. This is an opportunity for them to live independently under the supervision of professionals, giving them a very good quality of life as well as giving that great peace and comfort to their parents who wondered how their children will be cared for as they become older. There are 14 units. It was great to be involved. The Wesley Mission is the group that is running Mantle Housing. I am glad to see that they have been embraced by the Mitchelton community.

At the other end of my electorate in Albany Creek we have another project that we are hoping to get underway and that is the Youngcare project which will be in partnership with Multiple Sclerosis Queensland. This was a great initiative under the former government. I was fortunate as the minister for housing and public works to be involved in seeing this land donated to Youngcare. The former minister for communities provided some funding under the Elderly Parent Carer Innovation Trial to get that up and running. It has been a bit frustrating. I met with Youngcare the other day. They have assured me that project will be going ahead. I know that the current minister is working on that and is in favour of it and I urge her to continue to keep the ball rolling. I am looking forward to seeing those eight units at Albany Creek. The units will benefit young adults who in the past had no other alternative but to be in old people's homes. This is a great way to give them some quality of living.

Mr Nicholls interjected.

Mr MANDER: I take that interjection. There is already a great development at Wooloowin. The community is happy to see that happen. It is a great block of land and a perfect place for the Youngcare development and I look forward to seeing that development in the New Year.