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State of Origin

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.38 am): Yesterday we had the great pleasure of hosting the mighty Maroons here at Parliament House. As I mentioned at the time, it seems the annual State of Origin reception is the best attended function by MPs, and for good reason. The Queensland team is under new management with Kevin Walters as coach, but after speaking with Kevin and Cameron Smith I am confident in our success.

Whether it is Origin time or not, as I travel around the state it is unusual to go somewhere and not see maroon jerseys, hats and shirts all over the place, and most of the time it is Queensland kids who are wearing these colours. Queenslanders are a proud bunch, and there is no doubt that this team in particular instils pride in us all. To Kevin, Cameron and the entire squad: I am confident—and Queenslanders are confident—that you will continue the amazing era of success we have witnessed. Good luck to the Maroons, and go next week!