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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (6.59 pm): Recently I was lucky enough to get a ticket and a ride on the first trip of the new Redcliffe peninsula railway line. It is a testament to the work of people like our Moreton Bay mayor, Allan Sutherland, the Attorney-General and member for Redcliffe—in her current role and previous role as the federal member for Petrie—and successive governments over the last decade. It is no surprise to hear in this place today just how successful this train corridor is. Our community has been crying out for it for decades. It is a government project that will continue to see communities thrive into the future. My trip terminated at Petrie station.

I would like to advise the House of a great proposal for the next big thing in my community. Petrie was once the home to an Amcor paper mill—a large local employer; in fact, the largest local employer in my electorate. It was a thriving blue-collar manufacturing precinct. This vacant site has been earmarked for a new university—a visionary proposal from our mayor. As I go around my community people are excited about the potential a large infrastructure project such as this will bring. However, after the failure of the QUT Carseldine campus they are sceptical about the viability of an outer suburban university on the north side. What they do have faith in is trade training. My community's high school has a very large participation in trade training through its school years. I myself am a proud recipient of trade training. My community wants to make this project the best it can be. It is my job as their representative to fight for that.

In the lead-up to the federal election, both parties committed to the university project. The federal government committed \$35 million to support a modest Sunshine Coast university campus. Labor, on the other hand, committed just shy of \$100 million which would facilitate both a university campus and a significant vocational education centre for trade and job training. I wish to advise the House that in response to concerns from my community I have commenced a petition campaign on this issue.

I call on the federal government to step up and fully fund the new Petrie campus to ensure that it is a comprehensive education facility for people in my electorate. My community needs it and already thousands have signed on to the campaign to get it. State, local and federal governments are working together to make this project a reality. All levels are bringing funding to the table. A proper commitment from our federal government is vital to the long-term viability of this project in my community. It took over 100 years to get a Redcliffe rail link. I hope that it will not take that long to get a viable education campus on the outer north side.