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**MEMBER FOR KALLANGUR**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**University of the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay Campus**

 **Mr KING** (Kallangur—ALP) (6.48 pm): This evening I rise to make a contribution regarding a recent announcement that will be of enormous benefit to my electorate of Kallangur in coming years. This announcement is the priority development area status for the old Petrie Paper Mill site as it transitions into the new Moreton Bay campus of the University of the Sunshine Coast. Over the next two decades, this perfectly placed piece of land will transform the small town of Petrie and neighbouring Kallangur into a university hub, with all of the jobs, community and business interest that this change will bring.

The Moreton Bay region is one of the fastest growing urban areas in the country, with our population expected to grow by 40 per cent over the next 20 years. This university is desperately needed as a transformational change for our area. I am delighted the Deputy Premier has granted the mill PDA status. Without this status it would have been extremely difficult and invariably unlikely that this development would occur under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.

My community has held a strong view in recent years that we are losing our identity as we have lost our libraries and banks to newer areas like North Lakes and Morayfield. This is a chance for our community to look beyond that and be the place where people come to live, be educated and socialise around this new hub. We can all be proud to live in the Moreton Bay region and enjoy the benefits that the bayside at Redcliffe to Beachmere brings, the shopping and business precincts of North Lakes and Narangba and the rural aspects of Whiteside to Dayboro, but we want to come home to Kallangur, Kurwongbah, Petrie and Dakabin to live.

The site is 460 hectares and will contain the new University of the Sunshine Coast Petrie campus at the core of a revitalised Petrie town centre, providing local tertiary opportunities for more than 400,000 residents in an area which currently has no university. The university will potentially generate \$950 million for the Queensland economy. There will be 100 direct jobs per year through university construction and more than 6,000 ongoing jobs by 2036 generated by the PDA. It will create new retail and commercial spaces, residential development, sporting facilities, shared pedestrian and cycle pathways, entertainment and dining areas and parklands. Stage 1 of the University of the Sunshine Coast Moreton Bay campus is expected to open and be delivering courses from semester 1 of 2020. The uni expects 10,000 students over the first 10 years, growing to 20,000 students at full capacity.

The PDA includes koala habitat, and the council intends to apply to the federal government to determine if it is a controlled action under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. There are provisions in the interim land use plan to deal with koala habitat and other koala conservation measures, as well as the other environmental issues which include remnant vegetation and wetlands, bushfire, landslide and flooding hazards. This is a great boost for my electorate, not only in bringing a heightened sense of community but also in the jobs and growth it will bring. I look forward to being a part of this great change as it comes to be.