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Redcliffe Peninsula Rail Line

 **Mr KING** (Kallangur—ALP) (7.17 pm): This evening I rise to talk about a recent event which will be of enormous benefit to my electorate of Kallangur in the coming years. On Monday, 3 October the successful opening of the Redcliffe Peninsula Rail Line after 130 years of waiting was a fantastic event to say the least. The community turned out in massive numbers to celebrate the event. Rupert McCall presided over the official ceremony with his usual impressive style and even the Prime Minister thought it worthy of a look. I have been working hard with my community to lessen the impact of the rail line and stations on some families who have been affected, but overall the benefit to my community and those communities of my neighbouring MPs in Murrumba and Redcliffe is amazing.

I would like to thank those who started this project and made this happen and, happily, they were mostly there on the day to see and celebrate the opening. My great appreciation goes to Anthony Albanese, Yvette D'Ath, Anna Bligh and Mayor Alan Sutherland—who dressed in a top hat and tails for the day and could not have the grin wiped off his face. I had a mobile office at one of the new stations for the bulk of the day and I would like to thank those who came to give feedback. The mood of the public was amazing. Everyone was happy to be part of this great event.

This 12.6 kilometre dual-track passenger rail line between Petrie and Kippa-Ring has delivered two brand-new stations—Kallangur and Murrumba Downs—and an upgraded Petrie station to my electorate of Kallangur and helped to facilitate the opportunity for a university in my electorate at the old Petrie paper mill site. The delivery of this project and the work involved when three tiers of government—federal, state and local—roll up their sleeves and work together gives me great hope that the university project will drive the same desire to work together to achieve for the community.

Therefore, with this project complete I now have five rail stations in my electorate; another way of putting it is that I have four disability compliant stations and Dakabin station. I am pleased to see that the options study into Dakabin station has been completed and identifies that car parking is insufficient, with an average of 511 vehicles parking within the station precinct daily while current provisions accommodate only 176 vehicles. From the start I have also said that not only parking but also disability access should be addressed.

Once the government has considered the options study, I look forward to consulting with my community on which options we proceed to look at, that is, upgrading the station or seeking locations for a new Dakabin station. I will continue to push for this necessary and overdue piece of infrastructure, as the area is growing rapidly and the people of Dakabin and surrounding areas deserve a station that caters for people with a disability and mums with prams, and has some decent car-parking facilities as a minimum. Dakabin can no longer be the poor cousin. I really appreciate the conversations that I have had with the minister to date. I hope to be able to soon stand in this place and announce that the station will be upgraded.