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 **Mr WHITING** (Murrumba—ALP) (5.51 pm): Tonight I rise to remind the House what the Palaszczuk government has delivered over two years to the people in the Murrumba electorate. We have achieved much and we have delivered much over that time. Let me start with the train—the biggest infrastructure project in a generation in our area, the Redcliffe Peninsula line. That was a \$1 billion project with 12 kilometres worth of line, six new stations, 2,850 parking spaces and a shared path all the way along for walking and cycling, and it is a great path. It is transforming the communities in our area for the better. That was certainly a Labor funded state and federal project, and we can be very proud of that. There are other projects that I want to talk about. One of my favourite ones that we have delivered is the Deception Bay Bus Station. That cost \$4.9 million but we saved \$800,000 delivering it. I love this because over two budgets the LNP promised it twice yet it was us who actually delivered it on the ground. When I was elected there were just two pergolas on the ground and that was it.

Other achievements include restoring front-line services to the people of Murrumba. This week, for example, 175 nurses and midwives have started in Metro North, and that includes 31 nurses and midwives at Redcliffe—a fantastic achievement. Thirteen new teachers are starting this financial year in the schools of Murrumba and there are three extra police in Redcliffe and one extra in Deception Bay. We are restoring those front-line services that were cut over those years. In addition—and this is one of my favourite ones as well—we have delivered \$32 million worth of new and refurbished classrooms to the expanding schools in the Murrumba electorate, and that includes a \$15 million new wing for North Lakes State College—one of the largest, if not the largest, colleges in Queensland.

There are so many other things that we have delivered, but I have to mention the Rothwell roundabout. That was a \$37.5 million project and we put in \$22 million of that. Reconstructing a roundabout to an intersection that carries 40,000 vehicles a day is a vital point in our area. We have to add on to that the Boundary Road interchange. We have put \$20 million into that \$100 million project which is absolutely crucial for the people of Deception Bay and North Lakes to get out to the highway. It is six lanes and is once again a shared path which will really help the people in my area. These are two huge projects that the LNP said it could only deliver if an LNP member was elected and it sold assets. Guess what? We are delivering all of these assets and services in our area without selling assets or cutting services.