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## **ADJOURNMENT**

## **Nudgee Electorate**

Ms LINARD (Nudgee—ALP) (6.54 pm): It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to celebrate some of the local achievements that have taken place in my electorate of Nudgee as we celebrate two years of the Palaszczuk Labor government. Like many members over the past few weeks, I have been attending leadership assemblies and presentations at schools across the electorate. I am always so impressed by these young leaders who are stepping up to represent their communities with pride and great enthusiasm, and I take this opportunity to wish them all well for the coming year.

Yesterday I had the great pleasure of returning to my old high school, Earnshaw State College, for their college leaders presentation and was able to witness firsthand what a difference the installation of large industrial fans in the college hall is making to the wellbeing of students. Last Wednesday I had the opportunity to attend a similar ceremony at Geebung State School and walk through their recently refurbished classrooms which include significantly improved network capability, a previous concern for the school. I am looking forward to visiting Northgate State School next week to celebrate their successful campaign to transition to being an independent public school, something they are very excited about.

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of watching the Toombul Cricket Club's new girls only T20 Blast team start training thanks to a grant from the state government. North Devils Junior Rugby League Football Club, Hendra Pony Club, Banyo Kindy, St Pius, Zillmere State School P&C, Busy Bees Playgroup and Zillmere Eagles AFL Club, are also examples of just some of the hardworking local sporting groups and clubs who have received much needed assistance.

Vital infrastructure projects including additional car parking, a new pedestrian footbridge, improved lighting, closed circuit security cameras and signage at Banyo train station; improved parking and access at Boondall Railway Station; upgrading of the Gateway Motorway to six lanes between Nudgee and Bracken Ridge; a safer Nudgee interchange; and a new off-road shared pedestrian and cycle path along the entire length of the project so that everyone can enjoy the precious Nudgee Beach and Boondall Wetlands area are local infrastructure projects benefiting my community. We are investing in skilling Queenslanders and getting them back in the workforce, with programs delivered locally by Wesley Mission, yourtown, Kurbingui Youth Development, MDA and Nundah Activity Centre, amongst others.

I love to see my community going ahead, and these are just some of the recent achievements that I have had the great pleasure to support and work alongside my community to achieve—achievements that have been made possible by the support of this Palaszczuk Labor government, which is committed to working hard every day to create jobs, to reducing cost of living for local families by reducing public transport fares and guaranteeing electricity rebates for pensioners and to restoring front-line health and education services across our state by employing 2,390 additional nurses and 940 extra teachers and teacher aides. We know that there is much more to be done and we will continue to work day and night to deliver on the promises we made to Queenslanders.