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Nudgee Electorate

 **Ms LINARD** (Nudgee—ALP) (11.58 pm): It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to rise to speak about my electorate of Nudgee and some of the local achievements that have taken place this term under this Palaszczuk Labor government. When elected in 2015, I spoke of the significance public transport plays in my electorate, with 12 railway stations across the electorate, and I spoke of my desire to enhance public transport facilities for the benefit of local commuters.

This term it has been wonderful to see a new pedestrian footbridge, signage, lighting and CCTV, as well as additional commuter carparks being delivered at Banyo Railway Station; additional commuter carparks at Nundah park-and-ride; an interim expansion to park-and-ride facilities at Nudgee Railway Station, with a longer term expansion to come; as well as an upgrade of Boondall Railway Station.

I turn now from public transport to education. It has been an absolute highlight working with my local school communities to see much needed improvements delivered, benefiting our local kids. The crowning jewel in this regard is the new \$6 million performing arts centre being built at Wavell State High School; at Earnshaw State College—\$250,000 for new senior school bathroom facilities, a full-time guidance officer, \$60,000 for the installation of industrial ceiling fans in the hall and a \$5,000 grant for engineering, robotics and programming from Queensland Rail; \$5,000 for a new shade sail and seating for the prep area at St Pius Primary School; \$5,000 for security intercom, shade sail and new trees to enhance privacy at C&K Banyo Kindergarten; and road safety improvements with flashing school zone lights installed for St Pius Primary School, Boondall State School, Geebung State School and St Kevin's Primary School. Every one of these improvements I have personally advocated for on behalf of my local school communities. It is about making our children safer and making sure that they, teachers and families have the very best facilities to support their learning journey.

In health, the electorate is now home to a new \$13 million 24-hour ambulance station and QAS Emergency and Fleet Management Precinct in Geebung and a new \$3.3 million Step Up, Step Down mental health facility at Nundah. We are jointly funding the upgrade of the Gateway Motorway to six lanes between Nudgee and Bracken Ridge to improve congestion on the Gateway Motorway and Sandgate Road. We are supporting local families, making the renowned Triple P—Positive Parenting Program free to families, and it has been a pleasure to run three of these sessions in my own electorate. We are supporting our vibrant community and sporting sector, providing millions of dollars in grants to support programs and pay for facility upgrades including at Toombul District Cricket Club, Norths Rugby League Club, Zillmere PCYC, Hendra Pony Club and many other local clubs.

Time does not allow me to continue, but these are just some of the achievements that I have had the great pleasure to support and work alongside my community to achieve. While much has been achieved, there is much still to be achieved, and I will continue to work on behalf of my local community, as will this Palaszczuk government, each and every day to see real improvements delivered for our community.