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Mr BAILEY (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (12.05 am): It has been a very productive year in the Yeerongpilly electorate, soon to be renamed the Miller electorate—in fact, across the whole of my first term as the state MP for the area. We are seeing the Ipswich Motorway upgrade from four lanes to six lanes. There is joint funding for this \$400 million project from Granard Road to the Oxley roundabout, which will start very soon—something that has been sorely needed for quite some time.

We are seeing the Graceville station upgrade with full disability access. That is a \$20 million upgrade under the Palaszczuk government, opening up the public transport system to people with mobility issues. They have put the bridge in place for the Veloway connection from Buranda to Tarragindi and Greenslopes only this week. It is a fantastic project which will see a bicycle freeway all the way into the CBD.

We have seen very strong support for schools in my electorate. Wellers Hill State School hall got about \$180,000 in the first year of the Palaszczuk government. Yeronga State School has had a lot of support for building upgrades there. Yeronga State School on Park Road has had flashing school zone lights installed in their 40 kilometre an hour zone for the safety of school kids and the same on Cracknell Road for St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School in Tarragindi.

We have seen the upgrade of buildings at the Mary Immaculate Primary School for their centenary. That has been very welcomed for the little school that can. We are working at getting the Yeronga State High School's second oval back for them. They are getting a lot of growth there, and we are working closely with them.

We are looking for a permanent home for the Yeronga Community Centre. We are actively working with them to make sure that they have a permanent place in our community. I have certainly been supportive of the campaign for justice for Yeronga State High School graduate Mojgan Shamsalipoor. There is still more to come, and I will be speaking about that on another occasion. The Yeronga State High School remains absolutely united in seeking justice for Mojgan.

We are also seeing the 'Taylor 2' campaign by me for a second Walter Taylor Bridge—something sorely needed in Graceville, Chelmer, Sherwood and Tennyson, after inaction by the LNP council and by the current LNP member there for far too long.

I am also advocating for train station upgrades. That is an important one. We are seeing the Cross River Rail fully funded by the Palaszczuk government. We are also seeing other significant achievements this term. The transition to renewable energy is absolutely critical for action on climate change and also to augment our power system with more supply. There are 20 large-scale projects coming and committed in Queensland—mainly solar. There are some big wind projects, including the largest wind farm in Australia at Coopers Gap. We are also restoring front-line services and keeping our assets in public hands. Of course, the M1 upgrades are really critical for getting to the Gold Coast. We are getting them cracking after three years of inaction by the previous government.

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