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Mr KING (Kallangur—ALP) (6.48 pm): I rise this evening to give a contribution on some events that have occurred during the break in my electorate of Kallangur. On 9 December I had the privilege of representing the Premier at the launch of Aspen Medical's new mobile surgery unit at Medical Designs at Murrumba Downs. Medical Designs are an Australian company now based in my electorate of Kallangur, as I said, at Murrumba Downs. They specialise in the design, manufacture and installation of operating theatre equipment, intensive care units, critical care and other patient treatment areas. The mobile surgery/operating theatres that Medical Designs build out of sea containers use over 90 per cent of Australian made parts and they provide over 35 local jobs. The quality of the units looked outstanding, and the team informed me that they can be adapted to use for mobile dialysis as well as proper operating theatres. Sergio, the manager, was talking about maybe having to move again to bigger premises. I wish them all the best and hope that they find these new premises in Kallangur.

I spent a fair bit of time at the end of last year doorknocking and holding mobile offices to get a feel from the residents of the Dakabin area and the commuters who use Dakabin station for what they would like to see happen with the station. The TransLink options study initiated by the transport minister after the Kallangur community cabinet has come back with several ways to go. These were: expand the existing park-and-ride facility beyond its current supply to meet the desired level of demand at the station; provide improved and direct bus network connections and associated infrastructure to the station to facilitate bus-rail and rail-bus transfers; upgrade the station to address accessibility issues so that the station complies with the requirements of the DDA and addresses wider accessibility issues and infrastructure limitations; upgrade walk and cycle infrastructure immediately surrounding the station to improve interchange with existing facilities, as well as to support continued walk and cycle travel options; and review the optimal location of the station along the existing rail corridor and explore with Moreton Bay Regional Council the opportunities for transit oriented development/communities both to improve the station's catchment and to improve accessibility to the station.

My own local survey was in addition to TransLink holding community feedback forums in the area. We have sent through our data to TransLink to add to their own, and I will be meeting with them soon to discuss the findings. I hope that from this we can come up with a plan to get something done to bring Dakabin station out of the dark ages and finally have a modern, disability compliant station that addresses the problems that the long-suffering residents and commuters who use Dakabin station have been putting up with for far too long.