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 **Mr KING** (Kallangur—ALP) (10.08 pm): I rise tonight to report to the House that the Palaszczuk government has yet again delivered for the Kallangur electorate. I spent the first two years of this term of parliament cleaning up the mess made by those opposite—fixing a legacy of cuts and downgrades to the Redcliffe Peninsula line, making sure that the contractor consulted with the community and did not close roads to perform work that they had quoted to do under traffic, and stopping the sale of our school ovals just to name a few issues.

Indeed, when I was first elected, I made a promise. I made a promise to the Dakabin-Kallangur community that I would not accept any more bandaid solutions to the transport woes plaguing Dakabin station. I promised that we would find a solution that was more than turning up and cutting ribbons to so-called upgrades. There would be no more photo opportunities outside the station when steps had been replaced with steps and no more taking advantage of the plight of frustrated commuters. A full disability upgrade was what I was after. I have delivered; our government has delivered. It has been truly satisfying to tell the hundreds of families in Dakabin and surrounds that this Labor government has listened. We are upgrading the station. We are delivering a disability compliant station; we are delivering a station that eases traffic congestion and parking restrictions, and we are doing it all without selling assets.

Sadly, there are some who have sought to talk down this achievement and the achievements of this very fine budget. My predecessor spent his term in office promising but never delivering. The Dakabin community rightly rejected the bandaid solutions that the LNP Newman government promised them and tipped them from government in overwhelming numbers. The LNP candidate who seeks to come to this place instead of me has so far failed to convince the member for Clayfield to even back this project or the Petrie roundabout upgrade. It did not even rate a mention in the budget reply speech. Sadly, I note that the predecessor of the member for Pine Rivers, who also seeks to return to this place, has joined his former colleagues in this chorus of chaos and continues to prove that he is not so independent after all.

Let me tell honourable members about Elisha Wright, a constituent of mine. Ms Wright suffers from a chronic condition that impacts her life every single day. She regularly uses public transport to get to and from her medical appointments. It is a sad indictment that Ms Wright has had to suffer a station that did not provide a single ramp or piece of disability assistance infrastructure. Ms Wright did not need her life made harder by the inertia of government. This win is for her. It is for the mums and dads who are catching the train into work. We want them to get there faster so they can come home and see the kids sooner.

In delivering this project I want to thank the member for Sandgate, who commissioned the options study while he was minister for transport. I want to thank the Mayor of the Moreton Bay Regional Council, Allan Sutherland, who has always put politics aside for the benefit of my electorate. Last, but

certainly not least, I thank our Deputy Premier and her entire office. Our Deputy Premier has supported this upgrade occurring from the minute she learnt about it. I say: thank you, Jackie; your leadership in this area has helped to alleviate a significant concern for our community. I say thanks also to Emily Brogan in the Deputy Premier's office, who has fielded countless calls from me about this matter. I look forward to updating the House as the plans are put in place and works begin.