



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Woodridge Electorate, Anzac Day**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (11.07 pm): It was my great privilege to participate in a number of Anzac Day ceremonies in my electorate of Woodridge last week. Marking the centenary of the end of the Great War in 1918, this year's Anzac Day services at Logan Central were very well attended by residents of all ages. I would like to particularly thank Mr Ken Heard of the Logan & District RSL Sub Branch—Ken is the president of the branch—for his leadership and commend the Logan SES, Queensland Police and Queensland Ambulance Service officers who assisted on the day.

I was delighted to see so many young Australians participating in the services, including local school students, members of sporting clubs, including the mighty Logan Brothers Junior Rugby League Football Club, and members of the Australian Cadets and Mabel Force. Mabel Force is a civilian unit made up of students from Mabel Park State High School, one of the many great schools attended by students from my electorate of Woodridge. Mabel Park and its principal, Mick Hornby, are renowned for delivering excellence in education and innovation. Last year I visited the school to launch a trial of a new certificate III course in aviation, the first in Queensland, a pilot program to give students a new qualification enabling them to become drone pilots.

I was also pleased to visit Yugumbir State School for their very moving Anzac Day service. Speaking of the next generation, I was very pleased to see a great initiative of the Palaszczuk Labor government, designed and funded when I was Queensland health minister, the new Logan maternity and child health hubs officially opened recently at Access Gateway, Jajumbora Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service and the Browns Plains Early Years Centre. The maternity and child health hubs are an exciting extension of the midwifery group practice at Logan Hospital. They support marginalised women's access to, and engagement with, midwifery care. They aim to improve health outcomes for Logan mothers and give their newborn children the best start in life.

Another groundbreaking initiative of this Palaszczuk Labor government is the Transurban Queensland \$512 million Logan Enhancement Project delivered as a market-led proposal by our government. Improvements around the Logan Motorway and Wembley Road interchange have moved another step closer with the first of two new, two-lane Wembley Road bridges starting to take shape over the Logan Motorway. In addition to the two new bridges, Wembley Road will be widened to four lanes between Greenfern Drive and Pagewood Street, effectively doubling capacity for motorists. Locals know the existing two-lane bridge is a major peak hour pinch point. That will be addressed by this important project. This initiative aims to reduce travel times and make for a smoother, quicker journey around the city of Logan as well as improving efficiency for the freight distribution centres in nearby Berrinba and Parkinson. I am delighted that construction of the Logan Enhancement Project is also creating local jobs for the region: 1,300 jobs delivered through the entire project as well as engaging over 100 subcontractor companies. The project is another great example of the Palaszczuk government working with the private sector to deliver vital multimillion dollar upgrades to benefit Queenslanders, particularly in the electorate of Woodridge.