




Speech By
Hon. Grace Grace

MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL

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ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations) (6.57 pm), continuing: There are some very exciting projects that will make Brisbane an absolute world-class city by the time they are delivered. It is a Labor government that is making sure we are facilitating these. I recently held an afternoon tea which over 130 residents attended and we spoke about some of the exciting projects. One of those, of course, is the new Fortitude Valley state high school. That is not its proper name. It will be opened in 2020. We saved the school from sale by the previous LNP government. We are now welcoming the new principal, Sharon Barker, who has already started. She is located in Fortitude Valley, a fantastic principal. I welcome Sharon.

Mr Watts: A good principal, too.

Ms GRACE: I take the interjection from the member for Toowoomba North, who knows of her great work in the Toowoomba area over many years. I welcome her to the school. I know she will do a wonderful job in preparing that school so that it is ready for students in 2020.

I have talked previously about the fully funded Cross River Rail, delivering brand-new stations in my electorate at Albert Street, the CBD and the exhibition station at Bowen Hills. It will be transforming public transport in the inner city. When we consider that as at today, 2018, there is only one cross-river bridge for rail, this is an essential project that only a Labor government will be able to deliver. It will transport passengers right across our great city and from here to the airport.

There is also Brisbane Live, an exciting entertainment precinct in the Roma Street railyards with a 17,000-seat arena. What an exciting project! People who attended that afternoon tea, my residents in the inner city, were absolutely thrilled to hear about that exciting project. Of course there is the \$1.1 billion Herston Quarter project, the Eagle Street precinct project, the Howard Street Wharves project that I visited on Friday—and what an exciting project that is. Members should take the opportunity to walk around that site and see what is happening under our great Story Bridge. It is incredible and world-class.

Debate, on motion of Ms Grace, adjourned.