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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.10 pm): While it is great to hear recognition for the member for Rockhampton and the great work that is happening in Rocky, I want to talk about some of the great things that are happening in Logan. Firstly, I recognise my wonderful wife, Jacki, son, Jack, and daughters, Caitlin and Lucy, who are in the gallery tonight.

The growing communities of Logan need services and support, and I am determined to keep delivering them. Recently, Councillor Laurie Koranski, Yarrabilba State School principal Lee Harrex and I turned the sod for the new \$3.6 million Yarrabilba Family, Children and Community Hub. It will create 12 jobs during construction and be co-located with the new Yarrabilba State School, which was opened in January of this year. With more young families coming to Yarrabilba, projects such as the community hub will be key to supporting the health and learning needs of local families. During the development of the hub, local residents will have access to a wide range of services for families and children, including health, early learning and a broader range of community support activities and consultation services from visiting specialists. Queensland's community sector workforce in Yarrabilba will create a great facility. The hub will be a great base for expanding local services into Yarrabilba and will provide links to training and other employment services.

We know southern Logan is growing, with young families moving to new housing in the area. That is not new. The last LNP government knew there was a growing need, but did the then minister and current member for Surfers Paradise respond to the need? No! During 2012 to 2015, no new classrooms were delivered in Logan and none were provided for in the budget for future years. That is no new classrooms. When I was elected in 2015, I made a promise that I would fight for better education for families. That is why, after highlighting the growth around Logan Village—and here I want to thank the previous education minister—we were able to announce a new two-storey block with six new classrooms and an undercover play area at Logan Village State School. The score is 6-0.

We worked with the P&C at Flagstone State Community College and identified the need for a better special education area. With a \$4.5 million investment, we are now awarding the tender for five special education classrooms and five classrooms for general education. Now the score is the Palaszczuk Labor government 16, the Newman government 0. We need to recognise Yarrabilba State School, which was announced in 2016 and opened in 2018. It has 24 classrooms, so in total the score is 40-0. We can say that the Palaszczuk Labor government is delivering 40 times the LNP's commitment to education and services in Logan.

I will keep fighting for education services, especially the new Yarrabilba high school that during the election we announced would be delivered in 2020. As a former teacher, my commitment to the people of Logan is that I will keep doing my best to deliver the services that I know growing families need.