




Speech By
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Morayfield Railway Station

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (6.03 pm): I would like to take this opportunity to update the House about an important government project which is currently underway in the Morayfield state electorate and that is the upgrade of the Morayfield train station, something for which I have long advocated. I am very pleased to see progress continuing on the upgrade of this train station.

As many members may be aware, this is a multimillion dollar upgrade of a very busy train station on the Caboolture line, a well frequented train station. Part of the accessibility works that will be undertaken at this train station will include: a new station building, new toilets, a footbridge with lifts, raised platform sections, extended platform shelters, upgraded lighting and CCTV and car parking, just to mention a few. I am informed by the Minister for Transport and Main Roads that this multimillion dollar upgrade project at Morayfield train station will support 250 jobs for contractors and suppliers from the construction industry including all of those trades that we would normally expect to be associated with a train station upgrade such as electrical, carpentry, painting, plumbing, labouring, roofing, glazing and traffic control. It is a very good project and of course it has been very well received by constituents of the Morayfield state electorate.

We have just reached a milestone in the progress of this project with the temporary station building going up. That will signify the formal commencement of major works. The next stage that we will see is some demolition works on the platforms and then, of course, major construction of the replacement station building as well as all of those upgrades I have just mentioned.

One of the things I have been working on in partnership with other community stakeholders and community champions is how we might get a great outcome for taxpayers and also a great outcome for the community in respect of upgrading car parking at Morayfield train station. Right next door to Morayfield train station is the Caboolture Sports Club. They are a very popular sports club. They do great work in the community and they have over 40,000 members. Would members believe their peak time is the off-peak time for trains? Of course the train peak time is their off-peak time. I have been talking for quite an extended period about what sort of partnership the Caboolture Sports Club could have with Queensland Rail. I am very pleased to inform the House that we have been able to do a deal whereby the car parks will be shared so that commuters will be able to access the sports club car park and, in turn, patrons of the sports club will be able to access the Queensland Rail car park. It is a win-win for taxpayers.

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