



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Federal Election; Brisbane to Sunshine Coast, Rail Corridor**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (6.20 pm): I am pleased to rise in the House this evening to support two great local champions in the electorate of Woodridge: Jim Chalmers, the federal Labor member for Rankin, and another great local champion in Logan, Des Hardman, the Labor candidate for Forde. They are part of Bill Shorten's federal Labor team, a team that will bring an end to the cuts and chaos we see coming out of Canberra. They have made some great announcements—great announcements that will benefit the electorate of Woodridge and the city of Logan—as part of the election campaign, particularly in public health care, an area that always suffers damaging cuts implemented by the LNP.

Thanks to Jim and Des, Bill Shorten's Labor team has committed \$29.1 million to build an extra floor and a new 32-bed ward at Logan Hospital, along with \$33.4 million to build an urgent and specialist care centre at the hospital. This complements the Palaszczuk Labor government's election commitment of almost \$300 million to redevelop that hospital by delivering 190 new beds—something I was delighted to be able to deliver when I served as Queensland's health minister.

Federal Labor will also deliver a new headspace centre for Logan, providing more early intervention mental health services. Other essential community support groups in our area will be supported by federal Labor, including additional funding for YFS, Access Community Services and Multilink, which all serve the Woodridge electorate.

A Shorten Labor government will also help local schools including Marsden State High School, which is poised to receive \$465,000 for oval upgrades, new lighting and scoreboards. I am also delighted that other local sporting groups, such as the Logan City Netball Association, based at Ewing Park in Woodridge, will receive \$150,000 for lighting improvements—an election commitment delivered by Jim Chalmers. I am delighted to be able to support these great candidates. On Saturday I urge all local voters to put Woodridge first, to put Logan first and to vote Labor—Jim Chalmers in Rankin and Des Hardman in Forde.

Yesterday I stated that the federal LNP government had not matched federal Labor's funding commitment in relation to the rail corridor between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast, in particular Nambour to Beerburrum. To clarify, Labor has committed \$390 million to that project in the rail corridor, as has the LNP. For the benefit of all members, the relevant federal Labor commitment, which remains unmatched by the Morrison government, relates to the road corridor between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. In particular, federal Labor has committed \$1.152 billion to the Bruce Highway for improvements between the Gateway Motorway and Dohles Rocks Road and between the Dohles Rocks Road interchange and Deception Bay Road. I call on the federal coalition to support these important federal Labor commitments.