




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (11.16 pm): On the first occasion I had the privilege of being elected as the state member for Woodridge I made a promise to the community that I would focus my work for them as their representative on jobs, health care and education. That is what the Palaszczuk Labor government's 2019 state budget delivers for our community.

When speaking in the House last year about the state budget I said that education was the engine of opportunity. I am very pleased that the 2019 state budget fuels that engine in our community, with significant investments in Woodridge state schools totalling almost \$28 million. These include over \$16 million for a new three-storey building featuring 16 new classrooms at Marsden State High School; \$8.6 million for eight new classrooms at Logan City Special School; \$1.5 million for refurbishments to the performing arts building and G block and a new outdoor learning area at Kingston State College; \$600,000 for a STEM innovation hub and library improvements at Browns Plains State School; \$550,000 for upgrades to general learning spaces and the special education block at Yugumbir State School; \$180,000 for roof replacements on the library and F block at Harris Fields State School; \$80,000 for the removal of aged infrastructure at Browns Plains State High School; and \$170,000—very importantly—for expansion and improvement works to the tuckshop at Woodridge North State School. This is on top of \$1.42 million for maintenance and minor works for schools in the Woodridge electorate.

In addition, I am very pleased to inform the House that \$30,000 has been provided out of the Education budget this year for the installation of a CCTV security camera near the pedestrian underpass under the Logan Motorway at Kingston. I thank the Minister for Education for her support for that investment. This will be installed at the rear of Kingston State College and will improve safety for the many students and other local residents who use the tunnel daily. The installation of the camera is in response to a serious assault at this site in October 2018 and follows the installation over the summer of new lights, signage and security fencing around the pedestrian tunnel that I and other members of the community championed. Ours is a government that listens and takes action, and I am very pleased to be able to announce this important neighbourhood safety upgrade.

Vital expansion and refurbishment works at Logan Hospital will also surge ahead, with an investment of more than \$500 million in Logan Hospital—an investment that will support 1,400 jobs during construction. This will result in an additional 206 beds at Logan Hospital, new birthing suites, a larger special care nursery, a maternity unit access road, an upgrade to ancillary services and more. This is the single biggest investment in Logan Hospital since it opened 30 years ago. It is only the Palaszczuk Labor government that will deliver these positive outcomes for the Woodridge electorate and it is only the Palaszczuk Labor government that will continue working tirelessly for all Queenslanders.