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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (6.17 pm): On Monday this week as Queensland Minister for Infrastructure—but, more importantly, as the state member for Woodridge—I was delighted to join the Premier and other members of the Labor government at the official opening of the Logan Motorway Enhancement Project. As I said on Monday, I was the happiest bloke in Queensland when this project was announced by the Labor government, and I was even happier on Monday as this project reached its conclusion.

The job numbers that come from this \$512 million infrastructure project are as big as the project itself: 1,300 jobs were supported during the two-year obstruction. The 15 kilometres of new lanes on the Logan Motorway will unlock some of our busiest pinch points by removing dangerous intersections and delay-plagued roundabouts. This includes the notorious Wembley Road roundabout and crossing in my electorate of Woodridge. With a new four-lane bridge doubling previous capacity, this is a fantastic outcome for long-suffering local drivers and residents.

The project will improve the lives of 170,000 Queensland motorists every day, helping people get to work faster, drop their kids off to school more quickly and get home faster. To give you some scale of the project let me quickly speed through some of the fast facts of the project's delivery: more than three million hours were worked on the project; there were two years of major construction; 70,000 cubic metres of concrete were poured; 454,000 tonnes of asphalt were placed; 10,000 tonnes of steel were used; and 5,000 trees were planted. This infrastructure project has been a huge undertaking. It is expected to generate around \$1.2 billion in economic benefits for Queenslanders over the next 30 years. I thank you in your role as the Treasurer, Mr Speaker, for facilitating this project.

This has only been made possible because of the strong working relationship between our government and Transurban Queensland, and I thank the Transurban team for their efforts. Now delivered, the Logan Enhancement Project stands as a transformational piece of transport infrastructure for the south-east. The project is also backed by our state's trucking industry, with the Queensland Trucking Association chief executive, Gary Mahon, saying—

The road upgrade made Logan more efficient for distribution and attractive to businesses and investors.

Big multinationals such as DHL chose to move here because they now have access to efficient networks to the port, to Brisbane, to Toowoomba in the west and south.

This is all part of our plan to create more livable communities and to create more jobs for Queensland. It will also support the growth of our state in the south-east as more people choose Queensland to settle in our state, particularly those who want to raise a family. As the state member for Woodridge, I am absolutely delighted to be part of a Labor government that is delivering for our community.