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Woodridge Electorate

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (7.22 pm): I am proud to be part of a government that is listening to and delivering for the Woodridge electorate and the great community of Logan. When it comes to health care, education, jobs and infrastructure, it is only Queensland Labor that will put our community first.

This week I was pleased to be able to contact principals, parents and staff at the many fantastic state schools in my electorate with some very cool news ahead of the school holiday period. That is because the Queensland Palaszczuk government is fast-tracking funding to accelerate the air-conditioning of state schools across southern Queensland. This means that in 2020 every classroom in every state school in the Woodridge electorate, both primary and secondary, will be air-conditioned. This is a decision that will benefit Berrinba East State School, Browns Plains State School, Browns Plains State High School, Burrowes State School, Crestmead State School, Harris Fields State School, Kingston State School, Kingston State College, Marsden State School, Regents Park State School, Woodridge North State School, Woodridge State School, Woodridge State High School and Yugumbri State School.

I am also pleased to say that schools close to the Woodridge electorate, schools where a very large number of students who live in the Woodridge electorate are enrolled—schools like Mabel Park State High School, Mabel Park State School and Marsden State High School—will also be air-conditioned. It will not just be classrooms that will be air-conditioned; libraries and staffrooms will also be air-conditioned.

This air-conditioning investment is about creating a better learning environment for our students and teachers, and it builds on the fantastic work being done every day by our schools and P&Cs. The Department of Education will now work closely with our schools to ensure that this work starts as soon as possible in 2020. This project will not just benefit our schools; it will also help support jobs in our community.

Another big announcement made recently that will also be of great benefit to the Woodridge community is the relocation of the Loganlea train station—a smart infrastructure decision that has the backing of all levels of government. This move will complement the Palaszczuk government's \$500 million investment in the expansion of Logan Hospital—allowing us to activate a health and knowledge precinct for our city, including the hospital, Loganlea TAFE, Griffith University and the University of Queensland. It will make our hospital and TAFE more accessible, particularly for public transport users, while helping to attract greater private sector investment to this part of Logan to create an innovation hub of wellbeing for our community. Both of these job-creating projects show that the Palaszczuk Labor government continues to deliver for the Woodridge electorate.