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Springfield Central Park-and-Ride

 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (7.27 pm): I am pleased to provide an update to the House on the government's commitment to deliver a new Springfield Central park-and-ride facility. This \$44.5 million project is being progressed with the announcement that the detailed design phase is underway, with design consultant GHD being awarded the tender to investigate and design new car parks for Springfield Central station and the surrounding area.

The park-and-ride project will deliver 650 additional car parks to Springfield Central station, increasing the number of car parks to more than 1,100. However, the consultants are designing more than just the multistorey car park on the identified site. Vehicle access in and out of the car park on to Springfield-Greenbank Arterial road, safe and easy pedestrian movements to the train station and the interface with other local roads and the recently announced AFL stadium will all be part of the design conversation. This is a big and complex project. We have only one opportunity to plan and design this project properly and I want to ensure that we deliver the best outcome for the community.

I appreciate the frustration being felt by commuters at the station. The current car park is overstretched. I understand how frustrating it is to turn up at the station and not be able to find a car park. At my urging, TMR has been investigating options for overflow parking but, to be honest, it has proven to be difficult to find available and suitable land in the interim. I am advised that work on this option is continuing.

The recent announcement of funding for the new AFL stadium at Springfield Central is also an important consideration in the planning of the commuter car park. With our funding commitment known and understood since the last budget, the state government has been waiting for some time to see if the federal government was going to support the stadium. Until now, there has been some uncertainty around whether the AFL stadium would proceed, so it has been difficult for the state government to know what impact this project will have on not only the new park-and-ride but also Springfield Central station.

I know that the community has expressed concern at how the station, the commuter car park, the stadium project and local roads will work together in a location that they know is already quite constrained. As a result, I have the support of all stakeholders to establish a project steering group involving the Brisbane Lions, Ipswich City Council, the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the master developer, Springfield City Group, to work together on the planning, design and construction interface of all these projects. Last Thursday, we held our first meeting and I am confident that all stakeholders understand the importance of getting this precinct right. We owe it to our local community and to those visiting to ensure that we plan a stadium and station precinct that is well designed, easy to access and a positive contribution to our greater Springfield region.