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### Greater Flagstone Infrastructure Agreement

 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (1.37 am): The Jordan electorate is growing. I am acutely aware of the opportunities and the significant challenges that this brings, particularly for the new development areas within Greenbank, New Beith and Flagstone. As part of the designated Greater Flagstone Priority Development Area, these communities will grow substantially over the next 30 to 40 years as envisaged by Shaping SEQ, the South East Queensland Regional Plan. At the local level, my priority is very clear: to ensure our government is delivering the infrastructure and services that keep pace with these growing communities. I was therefore very pleased to join the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, along with the member for Logan, to announce that a landmark infrastructure agreement has been signed for both the Greater Flagstone and Yarrabilba priority development areas.

This \$1.2 billion infrastructure agreement is the largest deal of its type to be executed by any government in Australia and will secure the subregional infrastructure needs to these growing areas over the next 40 years. The agreement, signed by the Queensland government, Logan City Council and the nine key developers within the PDAs, will provide the necessary funding and framework for new and upgraded local roads as well as water and sewerage facilities. The nine key developers, which include Lend Lease, Peet, Mirvac and Villa World, will fund the infrastructure through up-front charges at a significantly higher rate than if they were developing outside the PDAs. Why are we doing this? It is because we need to guarantee the local roads, water supply and wastewater infrastructure are ready and available to connect these emerging communities with the surrounding networks without placing an impost on existing ratepayers.

Residents regularly raise with me their concerns that they believe local roads and services will not cope as these new communities grow. This infrastructure agreement confirms that some 170 kilometres of council roads will be upgraded through these developer contributions, and over the next six years alone we will see up to \$400 million in infrastructure investment which will also support more than 130 construction jobs each year. The agreement paves the way for a strong and growing community, not only benefiting new residents eager to move in but also bringing benefits to those pioneers who have lived in Greenbank, New Beith and Flagstone for many years.

We are also working closely on delivering more services and facilities within Greater Flagstone and Yarrabilba. Whilst Yarrabilba is more advanced in its development journey, I am pleased to now see an increased focus on Greater Flagstone, particularly in relation to the planning of new schools, community centres and health facilities as well as public transport, which I know is a significant issue for these communities. Over the next 30 to 40 years the Greater Flagstone and Yarrabilba PDAs will deliver a substantial portion of the new housing needed in South-East Queensland, and you are most welcome. However, what this historic infrastructure agreement will provide is the foundation for these new communities to become not only a connected part of the City of Logan but an increasingly important part of the South-East Queensland corner.