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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (2.09 pm): This weekend our community, our state and our country has an important choice to make and the contrast could not be starker. We have a choice between the Shorten Labor team, united in their goal to ensure that our first home buyers can afford to buy homes, our kids get the best possible education and our cancer patients can focus on recovery not on their medical bills, or the LNP Morrison-Abbott-Palmer-Hanson-Turnbull government focused on I do not know what.

In the Mount Ommaney electorate, however, we are lucky to already have two amazing Labor members in Graham Perrett, who is such a great advocate for his electorate of Moreton, and Milton Dick, our tireless member for Oxley. I have been the member for Mount Ommaney for just on 18 months now and in that time I have worked with Graham and Milton on a number of key projects.

Graham has lobbied tirelessly for key infrastructure upgrades in the community, but none are more important to Mount Ommaney than the Ipswich Motorway Rocklea to Oxley upgrade. This stretch of road is used by more than 90,000 vehicles each and every day. Graham's lobbying was instrumental in securing federal government funding to upgrade this road last time the country had a federal Labor government. Since then work has been underway. We will soon be ready to upgrade the second stretch from Oxley to Darra.

The second stretch falls into Milton Dick's electorate of Oxley, and also needs upgrading desperately. Milton has secured a federal funding commitment from Bill Shorten for the second stretch of the Ipswich Motorway from Oxley to Darra. This project will be such a boon not just for Mount Ommaney residents but for Ipswich residents and beyond.

That is a major piece of infrastructure and a great example of how Milton, Graham and I have been able to work together to secure infrastructure. It is not just the big projects that matter. Milton and Graham have equally turned their minds to the smaller local projects that help our community—projects like the expansion of the hall at Jindalee State School, allowing their already huge outside school hours program to grow, or the \$500,000 commitment by a future Shorten Labor government for a clubhouse that will serve the Jindalee Jags AFL club, Centenary Little Athletics and the Centenary Netball Club.

I am also excited about the \$18 million in funding for the tennis excellence program that Graham Perrett has secured funding for, which will be well used by the amazing students at Corinda State High School who already have a tennis excellence program. That is just a small taste of what they have done for our community.

I wanted to share a little bit about what drives these impressive blokes to be in politics. Milton Dick is somebody I have known since I was a teenager, when I first acted as a mother's help for his cousin Toni Dick. I know how important family is to Milton. He was often around Toni's for special family events. Sadly, Toni passed away from cancer almost 20 years ago. She leaves an impressive legacy.

I know that Milton is deeply passionate about Shorten's commitments to funding cancer treatments. I am lucky to be able to work with both these wonderful men. I look forward to continuing to do so on 19 May.