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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Greenslopes Electorate, Infrastructure**

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.20 pm): I would like to take this opportunity to update the House on a couple of important projects that are occurring in my electorate. These projects demonstrate the absolute commitment of the Palaszczuk Labor government to investing in infrastructure. It demonstrates our commitment to backing our local schools and sporting clubs, and it demonstrates my personal commitment to building our local community.

Just two weeks ago, I dropped down to the Coorparoo Aussie rules club and checked out the oval that is actually being refurbished next door at the Coorparoo Secondary College. This refurbishment is allowing a great partnership between the Coorparoo Aussie rules club and the Coorparoo Secondary College, whereby there is now an AFL program being run in the secondary college. As a result of that, a whole range of people are participating in AFL who never have before. The club have filled every single playing spot they have and they have entered every competition they can around Brisbane. The AFL club in Coorparoo, the Coorparoo Roos, have pathways for women from under-5 right through to the professional level. I have no doubt that in years to come—not too many years—we will be seeing Coorparoo students going on to represent their school and their state and going into the top levels of AFL in both the women's and the men's competitions.

I also took the opportunity to drop down to the sign-on day at the Annerley stars football club—a club that has been with us since 1945. I was really pleased that Minister de Brenni recently announced funding for that club to refurbish their ovals. Their ovals have not been upgraded since the mid-1970s. That is an incredible amount of time. This is an oval that is the responsibility of the Brisbane City Council, but our government is getting in there and doing the work. We are backing this great community club that sees hundreds of kids out there every weekend participating in the sport that they love.

There could be no clearer delineation between the Palaszczuk Labor government and the government that came before us than in our commitment to spending on infrastructure. When I drive around my electorate, I see the Veloway, I see the busways, I see the building that is going on in the schools and I see the investments we are making in sporting clubs. What I do not see is any legacy from when the LNP held a very mercifully short period of time on the government benches just a few years ago.

Our investment in infrastructure is being driven by our understanding that, if you want to build a decent community and have a good society, you need to get out there and invest in infrastructure. If you want to create jobs and improve people's opportunities to get a decent education, decent access to transport and decent sporting facilities, then you need to make that effort and invest in infrastructure. Those opposite had three years and they did absolutely nothing in the electorate of Greenslopes. I am really pleased to be part of a government that is so committed to infrastructure. I am pleased to be part of a government that has jobs as its No. 1 agenda.