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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.39 pm): As MPs, we all have the great privilege of serving our community. This service can take many forms: listening to the individual challenges faced by people and helping them to find solutions; working to solve large problems faced by our communities and our state; or supporting community groups to deliver valuable services for our community. I am proud of the many outcomes I have been able to achieve for my community—achievements large and small, but all important.

These include: getting a school crossing guard to keep kids safe as they cross Victor Street to get to Holland Park State School; seeing a Skilling Queenslanders for Work program providing training and employment for young people while restoring the beautiful historic Coorparoo School of Arts Hall to its full glory; seeing girls and women developing into fantastic Aussie rules players, made possible by the new oval at Coorparoo Secondary College and the partnership with the Coorparoo Aussie rules club; working with community leaders to educate the community about how to say 'not now, not ever' to domestic violence; supporting newly established community groups, like Beyond DV to support families affected by domestic violence and the Scarlett May Foundation which supports families with kids in critical and palliative care; getting more classrooms and outside of school hours facilities for families at the Holland Park State School; and getting sporting facilities for students with disabilities at Nursery Road State Special School.

Every time I drive past the Mount Gravatt TAFE, I think about the work we had to do to save that TAFE. Every year I work with the Seville Road State School P&C, the Wynola Girl Guides, the Victor Scouts, the Women's Creative Centre, the Scarlett May Foundation and the Coorparoo Aussie rules club to run a celebration of Queensland Day. Every time I drive past Woolloongabba and I see the Cross River Rail drawing ever closer, I think about the achievements I have made for our community. When I go to Cavendish Road State High School and I see that new hall, I think about the hall that was promised by my predecessor, stolen by Campbell Newman but finally delivered by the Palaszczuk government. I am very pleased and proud of these achievements.

These are just a few of the things I have been able to achieve in my time serving our community and I am very proud of them. Every day I see how these achievements are improving people's lives and building our community. I serve my community each and every day aiming to deliver for my community and build my community. I do this by listening to the people in my community—not just the people who come to my office, but by going door to door, street to street, to community events and bus stops and listening to people. I work with people in our community to find solutions. I advocate for my community, just as I did on Cross River Rail, just as I did about getting the oval refurbished at Coorparoo Secondary College and just as I did about getting the school crossing guard at Holland Park State School. By listening to my community, by working with my community and by advocating for my community, I am able to deliver for my community—deliver outcomes that make people's lives better and deliver outcomes that build our community.