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**MEMBER FOR GREENSLOPES**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Greenslopes Electorate**

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.39 pm): I welcome the news that the state budget is being brought forward. It will bring certainty and stability to our communities as we move through a busy year. It means that I will start earlier in working with my community to identify and confirm the priorities for next year's budget. As always, I will be asking what we need to focus on to build community and to continue to make the day-to-day lives of the people of the Greenslopes electorate better. No doubt, people will tell me that I should continue to push for improved infrastructure to support our local sporting clubs, like the Brisbane Metropolitan Touch Association or the Metropolitan Districts Netball Association and the many teams with the names 'Easts', 'Coorparoo' or 'Holland Park'. My community is thrilled to see the Annerley soccer field resurfaced and upgraded for the first time in 40 years and will want to see more clubs getting the support they need to get more people active in the community.

Supporting our local police and court officers to do their important work is another issue that people regularly raise with me. I will be pushing to make sure that they have the resources to keep our community safe. There is an army of paid staff and volunteers who work in local community organisations like Stepping Stone Clubhouse, the World Wellness Group, Zig Zag and the Holland Park meals on wheels. I will be listening carefully to what they have to say about what we need to do to make life better in our community.

I back my local schools. I am pleased that we have delivered halls, classrooms and sporting facilities at nearly every school in my electorate. I will be working with the principals and the P&Cs of the other schools to push for even more infrastructure to make our great schools even better.

My community understands the value of a job. I would like to see more Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs like those underway at Vision Australia and the Coorparoo School of Arts and Memorial Hall. I will push for infrastructure investment and that will also bring jobs. My community fought to save the Mount Gravatt TAFE, so ensuring good funding for TAFE services will be a high priority.

I am really proud of our achievements in public transport. Fairer Fares, the Veloway and the Eastern Transitway are all getting people out of their cars and on to buses, trains and bikes. Cross River Rail is well underway, creating jobs and getting people home faster. The success of Cross River Rail is going to mean that there will be trains going through the Coorparoo rail intersection every five or so minutes. That means that that busy intersection will be closed more and more often than it is open, creating traffic issues not just in Coorparoo but through the electorates of Chatsworth, Capalaba, Redlands and many other areas on the south side. My community is already telling me that they want action on this crossing. I will be pushing for that in the budget. I am pleased that the federal member for Griffith, Terri Butler, and Coorparoo council ward candidate, Matt Campbell, are both on board.

There is always much to do in the electorate of Greenslopes. I will be listening to my community over the coming months and I will continue to ask that key question, 'What do we need to do in the next budget to build community and to make life better?'