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AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (3.28 pm): I am proud today to be able to speak to this year's appropriation bills, introduced by the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Hon. Jackie Trad. This is my fifth year of being able to respond to a good Labor government budget and, I must add, the fifth surplus budget from our Palaszczuk government.

This year's budget is about delivering jobs and infrastructure, and that is what it does. I am proud of the great outcomes this budget will bring to all of Queensland but especially to the residents I represent in the Kurwongbah electorate. As our population continues to grow at one of the fastest rates in the country, we need to keep pace with the jobs and infrastructure that our new Queensland residents will require. This budget has committed \$49.5 billion over the next four years to fund construction of the critical infrastructure and capital works needed to rebuild and grow the state, to facilitate and support business led growth, and to deliver the essential services Queenslanders need. The infrastructure spend in this budget will support over 40,000 jobs. It includes a \$5.6 billion spend on road and transport; \$332 million on youth justice over five years; \$14.9 billion on education and training; \$18½ billion on health; and \$5.7 billion towards lowering the cost of living—all of this while delivering a budget surplus.

We have been able to do all of this without the toxic asset sales agenda that the Newman government proposed. The current LNP leadership in this place really needs to push back against our federal government's plans on asset sales. Enough of that.

My electorate of Kurwongbah continues to win in this budget. I am proud to have worked with our community to achieve some of the announcements I can make today. Since becoming the member for Kurwongbah and inheriting Lawnton State School, I have been working with the Lawnton school community and Minister Grace towards getting a much needed multipurpose hall for this school. I am very proud to announce that this budget delivers the funding to get this hall started. With a much appreciated contribution from the federal member, Lawnton State School will finally get its hall.

Burpengary State Secondary College in the north of the Kurwongbah electorate is a fast-growing STEM school. Students and teachers there will be very happy with the addition of a new building consisting of 12 general learning spaces and four specialist learning spaces. Students in the Kurwongbah electorate who attend Bray Park State High School will also be pleased with the funding announced for new classrooms there.

Sometimes it is not the biggest spend that brings the most joy. The \$380,000 in sport funding from Minister de Brenni for the Pine Rivers Junior League Club—or, as they are known, the mighty Pine Rivers Bears—certainly highlights this. The money will be used to construct an amenities block including change rooms, an officials room, toilets, showers and a multipurpose room to support female participation in Rugby League and touch football. To say that the club is over the moon is an understatement.

Work continues on the Petrie roundabout. This financial year the work should become visible. Coming from the electricity supply industry and the construction of high-voltage substations, as I did, I know how much work goes into planning, but no-one sees it or believes it until the boots are on the ground, and this year that should happen. I know that our commuters will have to endure the pain of the roadworks associated with this build, but I can assure all that I will work hard to make the project as painless as I possibly can.

This financial year will continue the design of and start of early works on the New Settlement Road and Deception Bay Road highway overpass—

Mr Whiting: Hear, hear!

Mr KING: The member for Bancroft is excited about that, as am I—with \$36 million in funding in 2018-19 from a total project cost of \$150 million. My colleague the member for Bancroft and I will certainly celebrate the start of this as, after the Newman government pulled this project from QTRIP and we got it back in, the community has been very sceptical about whether the project would ever start. It is starting.

Since first being elected in 2015, I have been very vocal about the long-overdue upgrade to Dakabin Railway Station. I now share this station with my friend and neighbour Dr Steven Miles, the member for Murrumba. This year the real work starts, with \$15 million from a total spend of \$41 million. Also, extra car parking on the Kurwongbah side of the station will be funded by DTMR. Again, I want to thank the partners we have had in this project: Gemma Gale and the Dakabin Station Action Group, Moreton Bay Regional Council and all the residents and commuters who have helped us make this station's upgrade a priority.

The budget delivers funding to continue the construction of the park-and-ride on the Kurwongbah side of Lawnton station. Our local stations and their parking spaces are of vital importance to all Moreton Bay Labor MPs to ensure that our commuters can access public transport with as little difficulty as possible.

Residents and neighbours of Burpengary Pines retirement village will be very pleased with the planning starting for the relocation of the southbound bus stop on the Burpengary service road. Residents have been asking for this to be looked at for quite a while. It will provide a safer option for ageing bus travellers.

Lastly, another project I am proud of but can no longer call my own is the Kallangur Community Centre, which started from an election commitment I made in 2015. The commitment was to consult with the Kallangur, Petrie and surrounding communities about the growing needs for a community hub to bring the services in the area together in one place. The Murrumba and Kurwongbah communities will both benefit from the centre, which sees funding in this budget to start the design and construction. I will certainly be continuing to talk to our ministers to look at an outreach of this centre in the Narangba and Burpengary areas in the future.

I once again thank our ministers and their staff for working with me and accepting my constant and tenacious lobbying for our community. That is what I do and what I will always do. The Moreton Bay region is growing at an enormous rate, and we need to continue to keep ahead of this growth with our infrastructure rollout. The residents in my community can take comfort from the fact that we have a government that listens and delivers and puts their best interests and the interests of all Queenslanders first and foremost. I commend the budget to the House.