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Bancroft Electorate, Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Program

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (7.03 pm): It is a great pleasure to follow the member for Mermaid Beach. He is talking about potential projects in his area. I direct him to the very successful Works for Queensland program brought in by the Palaszczuk government. We would be pleased to help him with his application because it is a great program and we can walk him through the process. I am pleased to report that the Unite and Recover plan is already delivering results in the Bancroft electorate. I recently joined with the Minister for Local Government, Mayor Peter Flannery and Councillor Mark Booth to announce new local projects funded by the Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Program.

These local job-generating projects are projects like those in Burpengary East and the Buckley Road footpath. That is a great connector for our area. A lot of kids go up and down that road. This makes it safer for them. There is then the Uhlmann Road boat ramp amenities block, consisting of joint funding. We recently built the pontoon at this boat ramp. It is a great local facility that enhances lifestyle, and we widened that boat ramp with local company Mobile Conveying Services to once again enhance lifestyle. In North Lakes we are putting money towards building a new playground at Endeavour Boulevard. There is no play equipment in this area and it is surrounded by new townhouses. Announcements about Deception Bay are also on the way. The council is fast-tracking essential infrastructure that is important in people's day-to-day lives because of what we are contributing as the Palaszczuk government. We are helping council get communities back on their feet as soon as possible.

Our Unite and Recover investments in local communities show that the Palaszczuk government has confidence in our communities and that we are investing in our communities and we are investing in jobs for Queenslanders. This is in stark contrast, unfortunately, to what the LNP is offering local people in Bancroft. Firstly, the LNP is offering nothing to my community. We are 12 weeks away from the opening of voting and not one local policy has been announced in my electorate, and it does not even yet have a local candidate in the area. This says to our community that it has given up on our community. What is more, many of its policies can be knocked down with just two minutes research. Today the member for Everton called Cross River Rail a waste of taxpayers' money and I find that amazing, because for commuters in Bancroft Cross River Rail means 1½ hours less commuting by train each day to the city and back. It also means an extra 5,400 peak-hour seats for Moreton Bay residents. It is only the Labor government that is delivering for the people of Bancroft.