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## ADJOURNMENT

### Rochedale

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (6.23 pm): I rise in the House to highlight one of the Mansfield electorate's fastest-growing suburbs that is attracting people from many cultural backgrounds who now call Rochedale home, including me. The first settlers moved into Rochedale around 1865 to farm its rich soil. By the end of the 19th century, most of the area was dedicated to farming, with the land owned by just a few landholders who owned several large blocks. In comparison, the population was very small. The area takes its name from the Roche family who immigrated from Ireland to Australia in 1860 and settled in the region—much like my own family, though some years later.

Fast forward to the 21st century and Rochedale is a thriving hub of schools, sporting clubs, residential estates, businesses, community groups and places of worship. I would like to celebrate the number of achievements that I have delivered for this outstanding community. This includes four new local police officers, \$4.5 million for an additional 357 car parks at the Eight Mile Plains park-and-ride and a brand-new park-and-ride at Rochedale. For our schools, Rochedale State School received \$797,000, Rochedale State High School received \$5 million and 10 new learning areas, Redeemer Lutheran College secured more than \$300,000, and St Peter's Catholic school received a new administration building. I also successfully secured a direct bus route from the Rochedale community to the outstanding and world-leading Mansfield State High School.

Road safety is an ongoing issue in Rochedale, and our community has been campaigning for a long time to make the Rochedale Road-Priestdale Road intersection safer. Thanks to those in our community who signed the petition with my colleague for Springwood, the Hon. Mick de Brenni, we now have confirmation that both the Brisbane and Logan city councils are stepping up to fund this council road. Finally the traffic around the Rochedale Road and Priestdale Road intersection will get the fix that our community deserves.

As a proud member of the Rochedale Neighbourhood Watch, I would also like to acknowledge the following groups: the Rochedale Scout Group, the Mount Gravatt District Horse and Pony Club, the Rochedale Junior Australian Football Club, the Rochedale Rays Swimming Club, the Brisbane Chinese Alliance Church, the New Heart Baptist Church, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, St Philip's at Rochedale and also St Peter's Catholic Parish. We also have a wonderful group of local businesses that are flourishing in the community, including Rochedale Village, the Flying Pepper Cafe, the Dabang Coffee House, Hana on Rochedale, Nishiki Japanese Cuisine and Queensland Lifestyle Real Estate to name just a few. The Palaszczuk government will continue to fight for communities like Rochedale as we invest in jobs to ensure that our economy continues to recover.