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Mansfield Electorate, Palaszczuk Labor Government Achievements

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (7.15 pm): As a Jimmy Barnes fan, I am most impressed by that speech. 2020 has been a tough year for every Queenslanders, and I am committed to supporting my community with funding for jobs, health, education and local businesses as we navigate this global pandemic. Since being elected, I have secured well over \$100 million for our local schools to invest in new classrooms and buildings, facilities, refurbishments, extensions and maintenance. We are on track to deliver air conditioning for all staffrooms, classrooms and libraries as part of the \$477 million Cooler Cleaner Schools Program. Solar panels are also being rolled out to offset emissions—a stark contrast to when the LNP were in government delivering not one new classroom in my electorate. We are providing free TAFE courses for Queenslanders under 21, and a full-time teacher aide has been provided for every prep class.

During this term of government, the Gambling Community Benefit Fund has provided more than \$759,000 to 40 local community, service and sporting groups for much needed resources. A local institution, the Mount Gravatt Community Centre continues to be financially supported by the Palaszczuk government for its essential community services, including the highly successful Ways to Wellness program and the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program. The Palaszczuk government has invested \$749 million for the M1 upgrade from Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill and \$4.5 million to upgrade the Eight Mile Plains park-and-ride facility.

With the community's support, the Palaszczuk government has put Queensland on the road to recovery and is leading our state with a strong health response enabling Labor to deliver Queensland's economic recovery plan. The Palaszczuk government has provided over \$1.6 million to 177 small businesses in the community through the Small Business COVID-19 Adaptation Grant Program. This is a fantastic boost for our local economy and a strong indication of Labor's commitment to supporting our road to economic recovery.

Our response has allowed the Queensland economy to reopen more quickly, including the Mansfield electorate small business community. The Leader of the Opposition and the LNP wanted to open our borders and cannot be trusted with our recovery. The LNP do not have a plan. They do have a record—a cut, sack and sell record—that the members of my community of Mansfield remember all too well. Only the Premier and the Labor team have a plan for economic recovery that will not hurt Queenslanders by cutting services, sacking workers and selling assets.