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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (6.15 pm): In recent months many Queenslanders have had their lives torn apart during the global health and financial crisis, but Queenslanders' diligence has ensured that we can and will unite and recover from COVID-19. I am proud of Queenslanders and I am proud to be part of the Palaszczuk government, which is supporting all Queensland communities, including the bayside, by investing in our economy to create jobs for Queenslanders. This week Cross River Rail saw a milestone with 150 trainees or apprentices on site. That \$5.4 billion project will generate over 7,000 jobs, including 450 trainees or apprentices, over the life of the project. It will deliver more trains and reduce congestion. I had an opportunity to meet with workers from a local Hemmant firm, IDEC, at the Albert and Charlotte streets site, as well as many other trainees and apprentices on that city-changing project.

Many bayside small businesses, such as Fun Fit Play, have received a small business adaption grant. Because of that grant, Fun Fit Play is expanding its business to attract grownups to the restaurant and bar while the children have fun, get fit and play. An injection of \$10 million in funding from Skilling Queenslanders for Work will generate around 500 jobs. I know that BABI will be pleased to hear about that expansion. We are supporting our economy to create job opportunities for all. I am very proud of our very own Wynnum Community Place, which will provide a place for locals to seek the assistance that they need. Our local schools continue to see the installation of air conditioning by local sparkies. We will see an expansion of health services at our beloved Gundu Pa with the introduction of ophthalmology clinics. We continue to support our local sport clubs with grants to prepare for a return to play through COVID SAFE Active Clubs Kickstart grants. There are further grants of up to \$20,000 to support clubs to purchase equipment and carry out capital works, creating jobs for local tradies.

Local schools, clubs and businesses are also backing the bayside. Iona College's \$20 million new Provence Centre will employ in excess of 400 workers during construction. Local firm Tomkins has been awarded the contract and has made a commitment to employ only locals and local contractors for the project. The \$10 million redevelopment of the best football club in Queensland, Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, home of the mighty Wynnum Manly Seagulls, is powering ahead, as is the much anticipated Waterloo Bay Hotel cinema and unit development. The Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, which is due for completion later this year, will employ an extra 40 staff. The Waterloo development, which is due for completion early next year, will swell its staff numbers by 50. I am told that those numbers will include trainees and apprentices.

I look forward to working with baysiders to deliver the Palaszczuk government's recovery strategy. We baysiders always look after each other. I thank each and every baysider for their care and support of each other and our community. I am so very proud of the great work that they have done. I look forward to continuing to work together as we unite and recover.