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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (6.17 pm): I would like to thank the Premier and the people of Queensland for working together to flatten the curve. We have avoided the worst of the outcomes we have seen overseas, but we should be under no illusion that this pandemic is over. We certainly cannot relax, but we can start to look forward. I am proud to be part of a government with a plan—a plan to unite and recover for Queensland. At the core of that plan are jobs—jobs for today, jobs for tomorrow and jobs for the future. Real jobs for real people.

I was greatly pleased to see the members of my community come together to support a campaign called the Takeaway Message, supporting local restaurants and cafes. It was really pleasing to go into the Ninebar + Kitchen to pick up a takeaway meal and hear Marco, the owner, say that thanks to the support he received they had been able to take on an additional staff member.

I would like to acknowledge the great announcement of the Works for Queensland program made recently by Minister Hinchliffe. It is a fantastic program that will see jobs rolling out straightaway. On this side of the chamber we work for Queensland; on that side of the chamber they work for Clive.

I also took some time out last week to look at some jobs that are coming our way tomorrow. I went to the Energex site in Greenslopes where we are seeing a total rebuild of that site. With 100 jobs over the next couple of years it is an exciting project. I am also keeping my eye on the new classrooms that are coming our way at Nursery Road State Special School and Holland Park State School. Of course, Cross River Rail is already delivering jobs and will continue to deliver jobs into the next few years.

If you want to see the jobs of the future, go to the Mount Gravatt TAFE where I went with my good friend, Corrine McMillan, and Minister Fentiman. We saw the nearly \$19 million project that is being rolled out at the fashion institute. We have a world-class fashion institute, and now we will have world-class facilities for that fashion institute. The students coming out of that program will be stepping into the jobs of the future. I am extremely proud to have worked with people in my community to save that TAFE.

Almost a year ago to this day I said in this place that I am removing the E from my name and replacing it with a B. Well, I am doing that again. I want to be known as 'Job' Kelly, and I am not joking here. Today we have heard the shocking statistics of people who have lost their jobs, but they are not statistics—they are people. I say to every single one of those people that I will work hard every day until we have all of those people back in jobs. I will work with every single minister on this side of the House. I will support the members on this side of the House to make sure that we work hard to get people back into jobs, because that is what we have to do. Jobs are at the core of the Palaszczuk government. We are all committed to creating jobs today, jobs tomorrow and jobs for the future. We are out there creating real jobs for real people.