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 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts) (7.27 pm): As the Palaszczuk government implements our plan for economic recovery, we are completely focused on jobs for Queenslanders. With job-creating infrastructure projects rolling out across the state, our commitment to unite and recover for Queensland jobs is clear. My electorate of Algester is fortunate enough to welcome some of those great infrastructure projects, from the \$30 million upgrade to Beaudesert Road, Algester Road and Illaweena Street, to the \$11.8 million three-storey learning centre at Pallara State School. Those are the projects that will create local jobs, while also delivering real benefits for our community.

The Beaudesert Road, Algester Road and Illaweena Street upgrade will see a much needed solution to a very busy and critical intersection. The proposal looks to include widening the Beaudesert Road intersection approaches from four to six lanes, signalling slip lanes and improving pedestrian and bike-riding facilities. Together with the new three-storey teaching facility at Pallara State School, more than 60 jobs will be supported. The Pallara State School building will also support more than 21,000 hours of trainee and apprentice employment, further supporting local apprentices to achieve their qualifications.

In addition to classrooms at Pallara State School, another great Algester electorate school, the Calamvale Community College, started the year with six new classrooms and an \$80,000 refurbishment of the prep learning spaces, supporting local jobs and helping cater for their growing number of students. That is on top of all classrooms, libraries and staffrooms in state schools across the Algester electorate receiving air conditioning, which is a program of work that has supported dozens of jobs in our region. As a former teacher I believe in the power of education. A world-class teaching environment is critical to support a child's learning.

However, the infrastructure investment in Algester does not stop there. At a time when job creation is critical, we are also generating further employment with the Greenbank RSL park-and-ride upgrade, which will see 600 additional parking spaces, more bus bays and a service-road link. The Greenbank RSL park-and-ride will generate 50 local jobs, with early works being undertaken by local company Logan City Demolitions, which is based in Browns Plains. Last week I was fortunate enough to meet with the owner and director of Logan City Demolitions, a fine young woman named Jennifer, who has lived in the area since she was a young child. Winning a contract for a local project like that is significant for her company. It shows how government investment can directly support local small businesses and their communities.

It has been fantastic to meet with the locals who are doing this work and to hear firsthand about how local infrastructure projects will support their businesses and the future of Queensland. With millions of dollars being invested in local projects, our government is supporting tradies, apprentices and small businesses as we unite and recover right across Queensland, including in my own electorate of Algester.