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Miller Electorate

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (2.15 pm): I would like to speak on the progress of a lot of things that are going on in my electorate of Miller. The Veloway upgrade is open. That is a fantastic new enhancement to our bicycle freeway system at Tarragindi, benefiting not just my electorate but other electorates like Greenslopes, Toohey and Mansfield. The local residents are really enjoying it. We are seeing new bike riders out there, and families are loving it too, as the infrastructure is safer.

I recently visited the \$400 million upgrade to the Ipswich Motorway. The last girder has gone in. It has much better flood resilience. There is a whole new cycle network from Granard Road to the Oxley roundabout. It is well advanced. We will see it fully completed by the Christmas-New Year period this year. It has much greater capacity for that bottleneck. The Palaszczuk government absolutely supports road upgrades where they are most needed.

As part of the Yeronga TAFE redevelopment, we are seeing a second oval for Yeronga State High School. There is currently a lot of work going on and work that has recently been completed at Yeronga State High School. They have a new fence around the school which has really brought up the whole feel of it. The outdoor learning area has turned what was a fairly unused space into a dynamic space. I look forward to continuing to work with the school. They are refurbishing the administration area, so there will be a great entry point too.

At Junction Park State School \$850,000 has gone into the maintenance of A block including a new paint job. There is \$1.2 million for a new teaching block at Milpera State High School, where migrant kids learn English. They do a fantastic job.

We have been air-conditioning the state schools that have not been done previously which is terrific. I acknowledge the hard work of the local P&Cs over many years for those schools that have been done. Thank you for all of the fundraising and the fetes. Many hours have been put in by local parents.

We have solar panels for Graceville State School, Wellers Hill State School and Yeronga State High School as part of phase 1. Phase 2 will be Junction Park. Yeronga, Chelmer and Milpera will be phase 3. We are also seeing the 40-kilometre-an-hour zones in a number of places working really well, such as on Cracknell Road near St Elizabeth's school at Tarragindi. We are contributing to the revamping of the tennis courts at Wellers Hill State School. The Yeronga Community Centre will have a permanent home when we redevelop the TAFE site. It will be a permanent home for the local history group too.

The Tarragindi Tigers soccer club's clubhouse is operational after receiving \$150,000 from this government. Souths Rugby received \$75,000 for their field upgrade, and that is going well. The Magpies at Chelmer received \$150,000 for their field, and it looks fantastic now. The installation of the koala proof fencing next to the freeway is saving our koalas from going on to the freeway. There are so many things going on that I have run out of time.

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