




Speech By
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Ferny Grove Electorate

 **Hon. ML FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries) (7.27 pm): From speaker after speaker on the government benches tonight and previous nights you, Mr Deputy Speaker, and those opposite have heard of the government's delivery on the road to recovery as we move out of COVID-19 and invest in our electorates to ensure we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to add to that list in terms of what is happening in Ferny Grove with respect to the Ferny Grove Transit Oriented Development—an excellent opportunity to make sure we unite and recover from COVID-19.

This project at the existing Ferny Grove railway station, which is funded by state and federal governments and was finally approved by the Brisbane City Council, will become a reality. The DA is before the Brisbane City Council awaiting approval. Once approved, the development, like all of this Labor government's projects, will kickstart the Queensland economy, delivering 736 construction jobs and 738 FTE local retail jobs—a combination of 1,474 jobs overall. This is a fantastic investment for the Ferny Grove community but also for the economy. Added to that are 465 commuter car parks, a retail supermarket, cinemas, a health centre, child care, a gym, a food and beverage business and much more.

I can tell you there is much interest out there in Ferny Grove, Mr Deputy Speaker. Just the other Sunday early in the morning I was out doing the Blackwood Street markets with the concept plans and drawings. While I was going through the markets person after person stopped and wanted to visualise and understand what was happening at Ferny Grove as a result of this fantastic investment. I know this is important because leading into the 2015 election I doorknocked over 9,000 homes in the electorate myself. The vision of what people in Ferny Grove wanted is becoming a reality, and this Palaszczuk Labor government is delivering.

I want to put on record my thanks to the then transport minister, Minister Hinchliffe, and the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Minister Bailey. This project will come to fruition. It will benefit our economy and see us on the road to recovery as we plan to unite and recover. I am sure there are many vital jobs on the Lord Mayor's desk. I am sure he will want to quickly tick off on that, so it is really time to tick off on the TOD.

Another outcome in the electorate is Works for Queensland. Only last week I had the opportunity to walk around George Willmore Park and the Ferny Hills swimming pool with the councillor for division 10, Matt Constance, to see funding going to the Moreton Bay Regional Council—all up, nearly \$8 million. This is another example of what Labor governments do in times of need to make sure we see ourselves out of—

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