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Dr ROBINSON (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.16 pm): It is an honour to work on behalf of the families of the Cleveland district in the Oodgeroo electorate. In terms of education, Cleveland high school continues to thrive. This independent public school has a fine indoor auditorium and recently we commissioned our promised secondary learning centre. The growth of the school must be catered for in the future and will need new space, possibly a second campus in conjunction with the old DPI Ormiston site. An LNP government will invest \$1 million to upgrade the indoor auditorium at Wellington Point High School.

In terms of health, over the last six years the state government has largely ignored Redland Hospital. When COVID-19 hit and the Premier predicted massive loss of life, Redlands Coast residents were in fear. For years I have been calling for an ICU and extra beds. Labor ignored those pleas. We were not COVID ready—not an ICU, not an ICU bed, not even a single ventilator. No serious coronavirus cases were treated at Redland Hospital because under this government the hospital was not equipped. It took an LNP government, the Morrison government, and Andrew Laming to kick-start an ICU with the 2019 federal election commitment of \$30 million towards building critical care capacity. The news is even better for Redlands Coast residents. A Frecklington LNP government will join with the federal LNP, and together the LNP will build a \$62 million ICU and new ward of beds. Labor had their chance and did nothing to make the Redlands safer. Only the LNP will get the job done.

To further protect Redlands seniors through this COVID period, an LNP government will invest \$100,000 in the Donald Simpson Community Centre to improve online capacity, to reach out to seniors who are socially isolated and to connect better with Indigenous elders.

In terms of transport and roads, an LNP government will invest a big and bold \$100 million to upgrade Cleveland Redland Bay Road from Thornlands to Redland Bay and get the Eastern Busway back on track.

In terms of fishing and boating marine infrastructure, we welcomed the recent improvements to the northern boat ramp at the Wellington Point Reserve. I will continue to fight for a full upgrade of the marine infrastructure there and an artificial reef.

In terms of North Stradbroke Island, Labor's latest hoax is the fake fast ferry—40 minutes from the city to Straddie. The problem is that marine experts say it cannot be done unless you are going to illegally and dangerously speed through the Brisbane River. It will not be the last wacky or wonky promise from Labor for Straddie. Locals want to know where the ETS missing millions went. Labor must act. If not, an LNP government will take seriously the reports of Quandamooka elders and investigate where the funds went and the conduct of senior QYAC officials. An LNP government will focus on supporting the small business community to create jobs and bring Straddie out of its recession. Once the election is called, I will have much more to say about my local plans under an LNP government.