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Works for Queensland

 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (2.46 pm): I rise to talk about the great Works for Queensland program, a \$200 million program partnering with councils to deliver 520 community infrastructure projects and over 4,600 jobs across our state. COVID-19 has turned 2020 into a year of devastation—devastation of people's lives, businesses and the way community activities are carried out; devastation of our economy and life as we have known it. It has never been more important for governments to step up and invest in the community, to work together to unite and recover. That is what Works for Queensland is about.

I want to thank the Moreton Bay Regional Council for adding to our funding—just over \$3 million in extra funding—to deliver more projects in our region. I also want to express my appreciation to the mayor, Peter Flannery and councillors Mick Gillam and Darren Grimwade for working with me to allocate just over \$1 million to five shovel-ready projects across the Kurwongbah electorate.

The first project I am most excited about is a \$300,000 amenities block and change rooms for the Narangba Rangers Rugby League Football Club. Everyone knows I love my footy and I am a big fan of the Rangers. At a time when some sports clubs have had to make really difficult decisions about cancelling seasons, the Rangers have mustered up over 20 teams. That is a huge credit to the executive, volunteers and players and a testament to Narangba's love of footy. This funding is well deserved and will benefit a huge number of families. It will mean junior players will not have to trek up to the main clubhouse through the carpark to use a bathroom or get changed anymore.

The second project in my electorate is a \$120,000 playground renewal at River Oak Way Park at Narangba. This is great news for local families, who might have noticed the old equipment starting to deteriorate. It is very timely as the weather warms up and we start to seek more outdoor activities for the kids.

Down in the southern part of my electorate, Petrie residents are set to benefit from \$75,000 worth of footpath renewal in Young Street. With a five-platform train station, the new Sunshine Coast University campus, The Mill development, our \$30 million intersection upgrade at Petrie roundabout and a plethora of coffee shops, Petrie is fast becoming the place to be, and we want to make sure residents and visitors can continue to enjoy it on foot.

Still in the south, Works for Queensland is delivering 1.4 kilometres of extra pedestrian and cycle pathway in Ron Thomason Park at Lawnton. This half a million dollar project will connect the park to the bridge. I encourage any locals who have not discovered this park to check it out. It has been a hidden gem for too long and I am hoping our investment will change that to the benefit of local walkers, pets and families. Finally, we are building a new bus stop shelter on Station Road at Burpengary. Burpengary has an excellent local bus loop, and this \$22,000 addition will further enhance its appeal. Now more than ever it is time for governments to step up and work together. With this funding in my electorate that is exactly what we are doing.