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## ADJOURNMENT

### Toowoomba North Electorate

 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (6.20 pm): The people of Toowoomba North have chosen me to be their strong local voice in this chamber for the last eight years, making sure we deliver for the region. In that time, we have invested in growth in our region. We have invested in the Second Range Crossing, which is a great toll road that allows a lot of economic activity in our area to skip our town and deliver products to Brisbane, to the west and to all four corners of Australia. We have also seen the current range be upgraded in that time so it is smooth for the people who want to travel down to Brisbane or the coast or for those people who are heading back west to come through town and stop off to grab a coffee on their long journey.

Investing in that growth has supercharged our region in so many ways, but there are still more projects to come. We have inland rail which is on the cusp of beginning in our region. If the LNP is elected, we will make sure that the New Bradfield Scheme gets up to secure our water future. In Toowoomba we have some fantastic businesses. While we are investing in that growth and making sure we are supercharging our region, it is time to invest in unleashing that industry and the advanced manufacturing that the Pulse Data Centre and the Aatlis project will bring, where we can merge digital and manufacturing technology in our region to create the jobs of the future. That is why we should be making sure we are investing in our regions, investing in growth and unleashing the manufacturing opportunities. We have seen that happen in Toowoomba. The Wagner's airport is providing a great opportunity for our products to fly all around the world straight out of the Darling Downs. It is providing opportunities for local distributors that never existed.

We also need to make sure we are supporting our children's future. In the eight years that I have been a member, we have seen that happen. We have seen the Highfields high school being built, we have seen the Wilsonton school hall being built and we have seen two police stations being built. There has been a lot of talk in Toowoomba about the hospital being built. I very much look forward to that investment in the growth of our region so that we can secure our children's future in Toowoomba North.

I will constantly serve and work hard to make sure that my voice is heard in this place, and I think a lot of people will ensure that happens. We also need to make sure we deliver. The LNP has delivered in spades for the Toowoomba region in the time that I have been in this chamber. We will continue to do that by investing in growth and supercharging the regions.

*(Time expired)*