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 **Mr TANTARI** (Hervey Bay—ALP) (7.04 pm): A few weeks ago I had the honour as the local member to host the Queensland Premier and her cabinet when they met regionally in the electorate of Hervey Bay. As promised by the Premier, the regional cabinet meeting gave her and her ministers the opportunity to see on the ground the extraordinary level of activity being driven by the many projects and services currently underway and those that have been completed by the Palaszczuk government for the people of Hervey Bay. Whilst in Hervey Bay the Premier and ministers met and attended many meetings and functions, giving our community and business leaders the opportunity to discuss with the Premier and ministers the Hervey Bay community's hopes and aspirations for their future as we progress through the global pandemic being felt here and elsewhere.

At these meetings the Hervey Bay community was very clear in indicating to the Premier that, without her strong leadership and without her strong health response that has kept the Hervey Bay community safe, the freedoms and economic activity now being enjoyed by Hervey Bay businesses and residents would not have been possible. The Premier was told that, whilst Hervey Bay was not quite back to pre pandemic levels, the overall level of activity being experienced was exceptional. The Mayor of the Fraser Coast Regional Council, Councillor George Seymour, commented on how successful the COVID economic recovery plan had been in keeping up the stimulus needed to drive the completion of many state and local government projects and activities. Amongst these are the recently completed brand new \$5 million STEM building and the just completed \$10 million creative arts centre at Hervey Bay State High School—great new facilities readily utilised by our public school students and the community at large.

Further to this, the government announced it will be supporting the redevelopment of one of the busiest intersections in Hervey Bay—that is, the Boundary-Booral Road and Elizabeth Street intersection—with the release of the concept plan for the intersection now open for public consultation. This is great news for the people of the Hervey Bay electorate, particularly the residents of Urangan, Kawungan, Booral and River Heads who use this intersection every day, and will provide improved safety for road users as they pass through this intersection. I thank the Minister for Transport and Main Roads and his assistant minister for listening to my request to have this upgrade done as quickly as possible and for making this announcement during the cabinet visit.

These actions show the direct contrast to those opposite who, during their tenure in government, came to Hervey Bay to tell the community that the LNP government would continue to slash and burn local jobs and our local regional economy, all the while damaging the fabric of Hervey Bay and the Fraser Coast communities. This contrast and difference between the LNP's slash-and-burn approach and the Palaszczuk government's leadership and jobs growth could not have been any greater to see. By delivering on the Premier's election promise of a strong economic recovery plan, Hervey Bay has been able to weather the worst of the COVID pandemic at this time. It is the Palaszczuk government

that is continuing to deliver on its strong economic recovery plan following on from its strong health response that is generating the positive community outcomes by creating the jobs and services that are keeping the Hervey Bay electorate safe and strong.