



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Coronavirus, Vaccination Hubs

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Investment) (6.03 pm): When it comes to beating COVID-19 we are in the race of our lives. How can our state and nation win that race? They can do so by standing up, rolling up and getting vaccinated. That is why the Palaszczuk Labor government has set up mass vaccination hubs in communities like Logan. This includes at the Logan Entertainment Centre in the electorate of Woodridge. Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk; Queensland's Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young; the member for Logan, Linus Power; the member for Springwood, Mick de Brenni; and Logan multicultural leaders and I all visited recently to help get the message out to residents to come and get vaccinated. Our community and state are strongest when we are united. If we can improve understanding about our vaccines and health directives, we are going to increase vaccination rates and reduce time spent under the veil and the threat of COVID. The Logan vaccine hub was set up in June and since then has administered around 50,000 vaccine doses. That is a huge effort and a credit to our community and a result that has been made possible because of the hard work of many.

I would like to acknowledge the multicultural leaders of Logan who have helped promote the importance of vaccination within their communities. This includes from our Eritrean community, Girmay Gebremdhin; from our Congolese community, Blaise Itabelo; from our Burundian community, Venantie Niragira; from our Maori community, Mary Bartlett-Johnston; from our Samoan community, John Pale; from our Cambodian community, Sovannary Uk; from our Pakistan community, Ahsan Assadi; and from our Indigenous community, our First Nations community, Uncle Barry Watson, just to name a few. I would also like to give a shout-out to the other community and health leaders who are ensuring we are getting more vaccines into arms sooner. This includes Gail Ker from Access Community Services, 'Eddie' Lubari and Brooke Hutchison from Metro South Health, Associate Professor Ignacio Correa-Velez from the Queensland Program of Assistance to Survivors of Torture and Trauma, Christine Castely from Multicultural Australia, Hussein Ahmed from the Somali community and the Moorooka Imam, and Habib Jamal from the Islamic Council of Queensland.

The Culturally and Linguistically Diverse COVID-19 Health Engagement Project Team are also getting great results helping members of our multicultural community access the right COVID information faster. I want to express my appreciation for the work of Donata Sackey, Grace Edward, Faysel Ahmed Selat, Ally Wakefield, Vicky Jacobson, Paul Schmidt from Red Cross, Dr Jishu Das Gupta, Benny Bol from the Queensland African Communities Council, Kerrie Woodrow from Multicultural Australia, and Julie McDougall and Wayne Briscoe from Multicultural Affairs Queensland. Seeing so many local residents rolling up their sleeves and getting vaccinated gives me an immense sense of pride and hope. Finally, I want to thank each and every Logan resident, including residents of the Woodridge electorate, for protecting themselves, their loved ones and all Queenslanders.