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**Hon. Cameron Dick**

**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Orange Sky, Sudsy Challenge; Coronavirus, Vaccination

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Investment) (6.21 pm): When it comes to improving lives and contributing to the community, sometimes the smallest things can make the biggest difference. That washes true with Orange Sky Australia, a fantastic homegrown Queensland charity, started by Brisbane mates Lucas Patchett and Nic Marchesi, that offers free laundry and shower services for those in our community experiencing homelessness amongst many other issues.

Right now Orange Sky's Sudsy Challenge is on, with people across the country wearing the same clothes for three days straight to raise funds and awareness for Aussies doing it tough. Taking part in this initiative is Darryl Simpson. I recently had the pleasure of catching up with Darryl to hear his story, to support him in his Sudsy Challenge by providing a donation and to pass on my thanks to Darryl for everything he does for our community. Darryl cares deeply about others and for the past 4½ years he supported the Logan community through a local Orange Sky mobile laundry he operates each week in Logan Central. Darryl drives the van to the site and sets it up. He is always up for a friendly chat as he assists others as they wash and dry their clothes.

Darryl is an absolutely first-class bloke. He embodies the ideals we should all keep close: prioritising the health and wellbeing of others and putting in effort not for money or for fame but for the greater good. That ethos holds particular meaning as our state continues its fightback against COVID-19. When it comes to helping the community, one of the best things all of us can do right now is to go out and get vaccinated. That is why in the House this evening I want to once again take the opportunity to call on the residents of Logan and the people of Queensland to stand up, roll up and get your COVID vaccination. We have had the Mud Army to help clean up after floods, including floods in Logan. We have had the Care Army during the pandemic and now we are asking Queenslanders to join the 'jab army'.

It is walk-in weekend this Saturday and Sunday, a massive opportunity for more Queenslanders and members of our community to get vaccinated while the delta virus remains contained in Queensland. Logan residents over the age of 12 can head to the Logan Entertainment Centre vaccination centre, which has already administered over 70,000 vaccinations since being established, as well as the new venue at Mount Warren Indoor Sports Centre. Queensland Health community vaccination hubs will be welcoming walk-ins across the state this weekend and registered Queenslanders can continue to get vaccinated at participating GPs and pharmacies as well. The faster we all get vaccinated, the sooner we can put COVID in the rear-view mirror and regain the life we all once knew. I urge everyone in the Woodridge electorate and the city of Logan to grab a jab as soon as you can to protect yourself, your loved ones and our community.