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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (6.03 pm): Queensland continues to do a mighty job when it comes to getting vaccinated against COVID-19. With adequate supply finally secured from the federal government, our state now finds itself moving past 76 per cent first dose and 62 per cent double dose. However, good can always be great and best can always be better. Even though our vaccination numbers are travelling well, we need to keep pushing them higher to ensure our population is protected when the dangerous COVID-19 delta variant inevitably arrives in Queensland.

This message is especially prevalent in our regions, our Indigenous communities and in the city of Logan. All these areas continue to have vaccination rates lower than the state average, which is why I am again urging residents of the Woodridge electorate and the city of Logan to get vaxed before it is too late. The COVID vaccine is our lifeboat to escape this pandemic and we need every Queenslandersafe on board. There are only three days left to get your first shot if you want to guarantee you are fully vaccinated by the time our borders are fully open.

To boost this drive the Palaszczuk Labor government is once again running pop-up vax hubs at Logan schools this weekend. Woodridge State High School, Kingston State College and Browns Plains State High School will all be accepting walk-ins on both Saturday and Sunday. We have had great success this past couple of weekends with our vaccination hubs at select Bunnings locations and local schools. This includes Marsden State High School for our recent super vax Saturday, a statewide initiative I was proud to promote in Logan City alongside the Premier, the Attorney-General and member for Waterford, Shannon Fentiman, the Chief Health Officer, Dr Jeannette Young, Logan Mayor Darren Power and Deputy Mayor Jon Raven.

Marsden State High School was recognised last year as Australia's best secondary school. It is easy to understand why. The positive tone is set from the top with Australia's best school principal, Andrew Peach. Care for our community is at the core of all that the school does. That is why Marsden's school leaders were only too happy to volunteer their time to help us get more vaccines into the arms of local residents. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the students who took part and met with the Premier and I—current year 12 school leaders and the school leaders for 2022: Abbey Muaimalee, Tyler Parkin, Daniel Tekopi, Jonathon Stone, Elahi Elahi, Elenoa Tuihalangie, Leen El Moussa, Losa Niumata, Charlotte Peach, Mikala Grunbauer, Marylynne Slade, Jasmine Molnar, Chantelle Finlay, Brooke Bird, Kai Brown and Peter Newland. We only have to look at the current delta outbreak in Europe to appreciate the urgency of getting vaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective and saving lives every day and is available in our local neighbourhood.