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Greenslopes Electorate, COVID Recovery; Easts Rugby Union Club

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.40 pm): I would like to update the House on the mighty Easts Rugby Union Club. Last time I was here I told the House they had won six out of six grand finals last year; we can now officially make that seven out of seven. They won the Australian club rugby championship, beating Gordon from Sydney. I would like the House to note that. Congratulations to—

Ms Pease: All thanks to you.

Mr KELLY: I was there and it was an exciting game, I have to say that. It came right down to the wire, 14-13. It was won right on the bell. You could not ask for a more exciting finish. I want to say 'well done and congratulations' to president Simon Box, coach Moses Rauluni, all of the team and all of the people who were there at Easts. It really is a terrific achievement. I look forward to this year's grand final period, when we will hopefully roll out eight out of eight, nine out nine, 10 out of 10—and the list could go on and on.

Ms Pease interjected.

Mr KELLY: We might leave one consolation prize for Wynnum.

Moving on to other matters, I want to update the House on COVID recovery in Greenslopes, because every day when I drive around I see examples of COVID recovery happening in our community. As we recover from COVID, jobs are this government's No. 1 priority. One of the key ways you create jobs is by investing in infrastructure, and as I travel around I see that investment happening in our electorate. Travelling to Easts Rugby League Club, I see that they are well underway in terms of preparing for their facilities, upgrade which the Palaszczuk Labor government has made a \$1 million commitment to support. That will be rolling out at season's end. We look forward to not only having greater sporting facilities for that club but also it will be a really big boost for businesses at Stones Corner as people come to Easts to enjoy the game and then go there afterwards.

Travelling around the schools I see countless examples, Minister, of all of the fantastic investment in schools. You will be pleased to hear that Holland Park State School's STEM centre stage 2 is close to rolling out. An old dental building has been repurposed. Instead of demolishing it, we have invested in it and turned it into a world-class STEM centre. It is a great addition to that school and one of many that I have seen as I go around. There are things happening in nearly all of the state schools in my area. We have built infrastructure in nearly all of them. I am very proud of that and so is this government.

The veloway is continuing. We are now going to build an overpass over O'Keefe Street—consultation has started to occur on that—getting cyclists home safer, faster and taking cars off the road. All of those things, including sporting facilities, schools and infrastructure, are COVID recovery. That is creating jobs in our community. This is what COVID recovery looks like. If you invest in infrastructure, you create jobs and you create COVID recovery.