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 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (7.08 pm): I am very pleased to announce another big win for Bundamba. A lease has been signed for a brand new Transport and Main Roads customer service centre in our local community. The centre at 28 Brisbane Road, Bundamba, will offer a full range of transport services, including licensing and registration. It will be a great asset for Ipswich as the Palaszczuk government continues to revitalise critical frontline services for our local community. The former Redbank centre was too small and offered limited services, and the new expanded and improved facility means more room for more customers to access more services. Work is underway on the design and we expect the centre will be ready to open next year.

We are also investing in essential public transport infrastructure. Our record transport budget also includes \$400,000 to progress the park-and-ride business case at our busy Redbank train station. This is an exciting development and follows our commitment to a full \$38 million upgrade of the Bundamba train station and the recently completed \$3 million upgrade at the Ebbw Vale train station. I want to acknowledge and thank the Minister for Transport and Main Roads for listening to our local community and my advocacy for improved local transport services.

Another big win for our local community is being delivered as part of the biggest Health budget in Queensland history. Our more than \$750 million for the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service includes \$2.5 million for the new 24/7 Ripley Ambulance Station. This brand new \$5 million facility at the corner of Ripley and Montereia roads is great news for our rapidly growing community. The design phase of the project is set to be complete by mid next year, and stage 1 of the construction is expected to be finished by mid-2024. It will support pre-hospital ambulance response services and will be an excellent addition to our new state-of-the-art South Ripley satellite hospital.

Our ongoing commitment to more health services also includes the new \$25 million 26-bed ward at Ipswich Hospital and our \$177 million 174-bed public hospital expansion at Mater Hospital Springfield. It is a pleasure to work with the members for Ipswich, Jordan and Ipswich West to deliver record world-class health services for the Ipswich community.

We recently held our Vietnam Veterans' Day commemorations in Goodna and Ipswich, and I am very proud to say the thoughts and support of our local community remain with all Australian Defence Force personnel. Our thoughts and condolences are with the families, friends and colleagues of the two Australian Defence Force personnel who were killed in Monday's vehicle rollover near Mingela, west of Townsville. This is a terrible tragedy for our ADF community, and our support also extends to all Australians and Afghan allies involved in past and present military operations in Afghanistan.