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ADJOURNMENT

Coronavirus, Vaccine; *Beyond Duty* Exhibition

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.29 pm): A really important milestone to end the threat of the COVID-19 virus is happening in Logan with the beginning of the vaccination program of the COVID-19 vaccine being administered at the Logan Hospital. I want to let people in the Logan electorate know that, although this is a great first step, the rollout will happen in five phases.

First, we are prioritising the workers who protect us. Today at the Logan Hospital we are offering the vaccine to frontline healthcare workers and quarantine workers. Separately, they are also giving the vaccine to residents in aged care. We are protecting those who protect us. We are also going to include in separate inoculations the quarantine hotel workers and, importantly, the police working at our borders and at our hotels.

I want to recognise the work that they have done in keeping us safe in Logan. They have provided information and have run the testing centres both at the Logan Hospital and at the Browns Plains Community Health Centre on Wineglass Drive. I also want to thank the ambulance services and paramedics, especially those at the new Yarrabilba and Munruben stations. They have had to go to every single call-out knowing that there was a small danger to them, but they were still brave enough to treat people. I am really proud that they are part of the first group who are going to get the vaccine so they will be safer. As I said, there are further stages to come. Firstly, we are going to vaccinate those who are at high risk—those who are immunocompromised and the aged. Then we are going to move on to the more general population.

I know that some people are a bit nervous about taking the vaccine, but I urge them to take it because in doing so they are going to help keep their whole community safe, especially those who are more vulnerable. We know that millions of people have already taken the vaccine. We know that the vaccine has gone through a testing process to assess its safety. We are also beginning to see that it is effective in reducing transmission but, really importantly, it is effective in keeping the person who takes it and anyone else in the community safe. I urge everyone in the Logan community to take the vaccine and to get our numbers up to 100 per cent when the time comes.

I also want to remind members that in the red chamber starting straight after this sitting we have the *Beyond Duty* exhibition from the Jewish Board of Deputies. It is an expose of those who, when faced with the Holocaust and the oppression of the Nazis, actually stood up and were themselves brave in order to protect their Jewish neighbours and friends. It is a wonderful exhibition and I urge everyone to come along to see it.