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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.15 pm): As members in this House know, I live in a growing area and I am very passionate about connecting the Logan residents with their jobs, schools and families. To do that they need public transport. That is why I recently visited the yard of Logan Coaches in Logan Village to see the brand new and exciting electric buses. The buses that operate on route 587 have a BYD chassis and an Australian-made bus body and seats. It was great to see this new technology delivering near silent operation, great acceleration from the bus stop and no diesel fumes or particulates. In the yard I was able to plug in the double three-phase charger for a total of 44 kilowatts, which was almost as much power as a high-speed DC power station.

The electric bus travels on the brand new route 587, which provides a new TransLink service connecting Yarrabilba and Logan Village to Loganlea station and the whole TransLink network. It is fantastic that you can tap on and go to Loganlea for only \$3.37, or \$1.69 for concession. If you are going through to the CBD, it is \$6.28, or \$3.14 for concession. That is a fantastic way to connect those families to the jobs, services, doctors and everything they need. The other new bus service is route 535 to Flagstone, which comes from Flagstone through Greenbank to Grand Plaza. Again, it only costs \$3.37, or \$1.69 for concession, to get through to Grand Plaza and it also connects to the Greenbank RSL stop.

On top of that, we have done something innovative in Logan. It is often hard to deliver public transport to areas where housing is spaced far apart. I notice the member for Springwood in here who knows this backwards; in fact he was the one who put this innovation in place. We put in place what is called Demand Responsive Transport. Instead of a single bus route, passengers can ring or use the MyDRTLogan app to get the small bus or taxi to come directly to their home. In my area it services the suburbs of Park Ridge, Chambers Flat, Logan Reserve and Munruben and takes people through to the Browns Plains bus station, the Loganlea train station and the Park Ridge shops. People can connect to the services and shopping they need and be able to do that economically. Maybe they share the ride with someone else along the way.

I hear people say, 'Linus, we know you're in a growing area and there are going to be new services,' but we have to remember that under the LNP that is not what happened. There were cuts to the bus services, with almost 2,000 fewer stops a week. We build services for families in growing areas. The LNP cuts them. I will continue to fight for our local area.