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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (3.01 pm): Today I am really passionate to rise to speak about improved public bus services in the Logan electorate. I know that we gather waiting for other things, but a friend of mine would be deeply pleased that we are continuing to deliver for the people who really need bus services. I speak particularly of the Yarrabilba bus service which has now been announced to have a Logan Hospital extension as well as going to the Loganlea TAFE. This is connecting that growing community with its nearest major hospital and the major Loganlea TAFE, building on the new TAFE Connect that we are building within Yarrabilba. It is still going to stop at the Loganlea station, which is really important, and we are going to continue to fight to get it to the new areas, especially to the proposed new school in the future.

What is exciting about this bus service is that it is an all-electric bus service. The charging station is in Logan Village—double three-phase power charging installed on the regular network—and this is a fantastic option that is leading the way in South-East Queensland and doing it quietly, cleanly and with very quick acceleration. It is exciting that this technology's time has come and it is great that we have a minister and ministers who are backing these technologies. There is also route 535, which is the fantastic service that comes from Flagstone, and we have already seen that in place. It is something that the member for Jordan and I passionately advocated for. We are in negotiations to look for further options and further expansions, because that is what we are passionate about in that area and we know that that is great for people in the local area. The cost is just \$1.69 for a concession and \$3.37 for others, which is considerably cheaper than the old bus service. I encourage Logan people to get your mask on first, get your go card and get on the bus and get the service working, because that makes it easier for the member for Jordan and I to continue to push for further expanded services.

I also want to talk about demand responsive transport. In-between those two bus lines we have the fantastic demand responsive transport service, which is a service where you either use your app or ring the number and within two hours you can get the service to pick you up at your door and then deliver you to major bus stops. At some point in the future we will transition to a fixed bus line, but this is an exciting way to service an area that is not yet fully developed that has acreage and other more spread-out houses to deliver public transport. That is what this government is about—continuing to deliver enhanced public transport services to growing areas on the edge of Logan City. Mr Speaker, you are probably thinking, 'Is there a contrast, because surely any good government would do that?' However, these were services that were cut—bus stop services were cut—during the LNP's time. I want to continue to fight for a growing area to get improved public transport. I know that this government has ministers who back improved public transport and ministers who back improved electric transport in our state.