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Logan Electorate, Coronavirus Vaccination

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (6.20 pm): In contrast to the last speaker, I know and Logan residents know that it is a busy and exciting time every day in front of the Grand Plaza shopping centre on Browns Plains Road as a steady stream of Logan residents get vaccinated at the walk-in vaccination centre. Members may have heard me talk about the campaign Race to 80 as Logan residents target a first dose target of 80 per cent. I am so proud of the Logan community because it has quickly exceeded that target and now I am announcing the new campaign—Logan's Race to 90. That is right: the Logan community is heading for a world-leading target of a 90 per cent-plus COVID-19 vaccination rate.

As I said, it is easy to walk right into the vaccination centre at the Browns Plains Grand Plaza shopping centre. It will only take a few minutes in the line. As the member for Woodridge said, excitingly this weekend there is also another vaccination centre at the Park Ridge State High School. There is also an updated list on my website and Facebook of pharmacies and medical centres that are administering the COVID-19 vaccine. Not only is it easy to get the vaccine; the research and the lived experience of over 80 per cent of the Logan electorate is that the vaccine is very safe. While few had a sore arm and have felt a little unwell, the experience is overwhelmingly positive.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr POWER: We know from data all around the world that those who are vaccinated are much less likely to get COVID-19. If you do not get COVID-19 in the first place, then you will not be passing it on to your workplace, the Logan community or your family. We also know that even if you are unlucky enough to be one of the breakthrough cases of COVID you are less likely to pass it on to others and studies have shown that your family is 40 per cent to 50 per cent less likely to get infected with COVID-19 if they are in a household with a positive unvaccinated person.

Vaccinations reduce the severity of disease and those who are positive are less likely to be hospitalised and less likely to die. To emphasise, there are billions around the world who have stepped up to protect themselves and their families from COVID-19, and now 80 per cent of the Logan electorate have done the same. This is a fantastic result and we are leading the state with the percentage of our community getting vaccinated in recent weeks. Let us keep going, Logan, and finish the job and race on to 90 per cent. It is safe, effective and easy to get vaccinated in Logan. Let us race on from 80 per cent vaccinated to 90 per cent. I am deeply disappointed that there were that many interjections about this important issue and none of the opposition have taken the opportunity to speak about vaccines. It is quite disgraceful.