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ADJOURNMENT

Logan Electorate, Coronavirus Vaccination

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.03 pm): It is a pity that the member for Scenic Rim was not as passionate when the government that he was a part of cut the midwifery services to Browns Plains and the member for Waterford—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! Pause the clock. The House will come to order. The member for Scenic Rim was heard in relative silence, so the member for Logan will be heard in relative silence.

Mr POWER: It is a pity he was not as passionate about the cuts he made to midwifery services in Browns Plains when the need was so great.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

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Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. I have just asked the House to come to order. I will start warning people, even this late in the day.

Mr POWER: I want to update the people of Logan on the exciting new figures for first COVID-19 vaccinations in Logan. Yesterday the Jimboomba area increased to 85.9 per cent, an increase of two per cent, and the Browns Plains SA3, which includes Boronia Heights and Regents Park, increased to 86.3 per cent, an increase of 2.3 per cent. Excitingly, that means that the Browns Plains SA3 is now above the statewide average by just 2.3 per cent. This is an exciting milestone in the electorate of Logan's race towards 90 per cent. That is right: when so many on the other side said that Logan would never get to 80 per cent, the people of Logan proved them wrong by racing past 80 per cent and now we are racing on to 90 per cent.

For those who just have not found time to get around to it, it could not be easier to go to the Grand Plaza car park on Browns Plains Road in front of the food court. You can walk in at any time and get a COVID-19 vaccination on the spot. You can also go quickly to many GPs and chemists to get vaccinated. For those who are still unsure or who are seeing some of the misleading information on the internet or from LNP members, they should know that, with almost nine out of 10 residents they meet already vaccinated, they can simply ask people about their experience. Alternatively, simply go to your GP and ask them about the experience of hundreds and thousands of local patients who have already been vaccinated. We know that it is safe, although we know that with almost all vaccines when there are millions or billions who take a vaccine there are tiny risks. We have been transparent about this. However, the risks of catching COVID are profoundly greater. We know it is safe and we know it protects the vaccinated by reducing the chance that they catch COVID and reducing the chance of hospitalisation or death.

We also know that if people do not catch COVID then they will not be passing it on to families, friends or workmates. A recent study showed that you are 50 per cent less likely to pass COVID on to your immediate household if you are vaccinated. I know that the decisions that we are making are tough, but no-one wants to be part of a chain of transmission that ends in serious hospitalisation or death of someone in our community. No-one seriously argues that given these facts people have a right to be at an increased risk of passing on a dangerous disease and to be in areas of known high transmission. That is why I am urging everyone in Logan: let us race on towards 90 per cent and get vaccinated as soon as possible.