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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (2.59 pm): Infrastructure, jobs and better schools—that is what my constituents want, and I am happy to report that fantastic progress is being made on many of those fronts. The Ipswich Motorway upgrade is now complete, including a new cycleway connection from Oxley all the way to Granard Road. For the first time there is an entire new corridor, and people are using and enjoying it. We have air-conditioned local state schools, which has seen local students benefit from the Palaszczuk government's investment. We are also widening local shared pathways. For example, at Tarragindi from the freeway underpass to Sunshine Avenue is complete, and we will do the other half of that to Gerard Street as the next stage.

Koala-proof fencing has been effective along the South East Freeway thanks to Transport and Main Roads working with Toohey Forest Wildlife. The 50-kilometres-per-hour zone is now in place along Ipswich Road at Annerley after years of campaigning by the local community, the local school and local traders. I am pleased to say that the lights at the Tarragindi Tigers' ground are up and running, and their night games are much better as a result thanks to our funding through sports. We also have funding going to the Souths Graceville Hounds for a new clubhouse and upgrade to their second field. Wests cricket received a million dollar upgrade of their facilities, which they were badly in need of. There is funding going to the Souths Rugby League women's team for their change facilities and to Yeronga AFL, where they have a lot of women players on their books who are doing a great job.

We are seeing an upgrade of the Yeronga station as part of the Cross River Rail project, and then we will move on and do Fairfield, Yeerongpilly and then go south to do Rocklea, Salisbury and Moorooka in the neighbouring seat of Toohey. I will be looking to the Brisbane City Council budget for funding for the design of a second Walter Taylor Bridge. We know this is one of the biggest bottlenecks in Brisbane. I have campaigned the city council long and hard for a second bridge and there has been a commitment from the Lord Mayor. I will be keen to see that followed through in the budget.

We will be putting in a permanent home for the Yeronga Community Centre as part of the revitalised old Yeronga TAFE site, which has been delayed somewhat due to the pandemic, but it is certainly happening and will be a great community hub for a group that does so much for the vulnerable people in my community. I want to thank all of the members of the Yeronga Community Centre for all that they do. We are working with Yeronga State School too to ensure that the conversion of the Yeronga Dental Hospital into more classrooms, administration and space will enhance a growing school that is going to see a lot more students come in future years.