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Yeronga

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (7.09 pm): We have just heard another lecture from those opposite, whose policy on health seems to be putting their fingers in their ears and singing, 'La, la, la. There's no pandemic. There's no impact.' It is really amazing.

The old Yeronga TAFE site is located in my electorate in Yeronga, on the edge of Annerley. It has been redundant for quite some time and is not fit for purpose for TAFE into the future, so there has been some planning around a mixed-use precinct there. I have been very involved with my local community to make sure they are looked after in terms of the opportunities that come with a redevelopment. It is right next to the Yeronga State High School, which is doing very well. Enrolments are really increasing. It is well located next to the Yeronga station, so there is fantastic public transport as well. I let the people in my electorate know—in Yeronga and Annerley in particular—that EDQ have formally lodged a development application. The outcome, I think, is very good, but we want public input.

To give members an idea, there is a 730-square-metre space for the Yeronga Community Centre, which does a great job supporting the vulnerable in my community every day, to have a permanent home on this site, to be co-located with the Annerley-Stephens History Group and the railway model club. I cannot speak more highly of the Yeronga Community Centre, which provides breakfast clubs for local kids and all sorts of other things to help our community. There is 5,500 square metres for a children's health services hub, which I think is a fantastic opportunity, particularly for our high school students located next to it. There are 178 units for retirement accommodation, so our seniors are able to move within their community when their housing needs change. There are 78 social and affordable housing units under the Brisbane Housing Company and 38 townhouses. The high school requested that they get back their second oval, and that is exactly what we are doing. The kids will have a bit more space as their enrolments continue to grow.

We have tried to achieve a good balance between new development and community outcomes. It is located close to Yeronga Memorial Park so there is ample parkland all around. It is close to the Yeronga Park Memorial Pool, as well as Souths Rugby Union Club and Yeronga State School, which is currently seeing a massive conversion of a very big, old dental hospital into new classrooms and new administration facilities for growing enrolments.

It is a fantastic community. I give a shout-out to the local businesses nearby like River City Cycles and Yeronga Bakery & Café, which will be loved by new and existing residents. I encourage people to look at it and make a submission. They have 20 days to do so. It is on my Facebook page. They should take a look as it is worth looking at.