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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (6.24 pm): There are certainly a lot of construction sites in the Morayfield state electorate at the moment as a result of the Palaszczuk Labor government's commitment to infrastructure, service improvement but also jobs. As we unite and recover together, we are seeing the results of that commitment in the Morayfield state electorate.

There are some major projects underway. The Caboolture Hospital redevelopment is massive. It is a \$400 million redevelopment, essentially doubling the hospital precinct. It will deliver hundreds of construction jobs but also hundreds of extra health jobs once the project is completed. We are very excited about that project.

The Morayfield bus station upgrade is also underway. This is a project I have been working on for a number of years. It is a great partnership between the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the owner of the local shopping centre where the bus station is located. It is about accommodating the growth that our community is experiencing. It is a good project. Hopefully it will be done by Christmas so all those shoppers can get to the shops by public transport, get their presents and get home.

The Morayfield State High School hall project is also well underway. This is a well-needed project for that school community. They are very excited about what that project will allow the school to do once it is completed. It will allow the school to host more events locally. It will allow them to have sporting activities undercover, as well as supporting performing arts. It is a very exciting opportunity.

In my remaining time I wanted to particularly focus on the road projects which will benefit the broader Caboolture region—and we do have significant investment in that space. We are coming towards the tail end of the Morayfield Road safety upgrade. This is upgrading a number of intersections throughout Morayfield Road. It is almost \$30 million worth. These projects are not only improving safety by improving traffic lights, widening roads, having dedicated turning roads and improving pedestrian facilities but also delivering on that outcome of efficiency. If you are able to improve safety, you have fewer traffic incidents, you are able to move traffic quicker and people will be able to get home faster, so it is a good project on that front.

A project which is also very dear to the heart of the member for Bancroft, the member for Kurwongbah and myself is the upgrade of the Deception Bay Road overpass bridge. This is important because it was a project that we fought hard for in a previous government. It was cut by the Newman government. This was a project that was funded. It was going to happen and the Newman government cut it. They pulled the money from the project. We had to fight to get that money back, and we have. The project is now underway. It is a massive overpass bridge upgrade. It just goes to show that Labor governments invest in infrastructure.