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 **Mrs McMAHON** (Macalister—ALP) (12.14 am): I rise to speak in support of the Appropriation Bill 2021. This is a budget that delivers on many of my 2020 election commitments and then some. Macalister schools are in for some major makeovers commencing next financial year. Commitments I made last year that will be delivered include the following: work will commence on the new \$12 million Beenleigh State High School hall, a commitment personally made by the Premier attending one of the recent award-winning paddock to plate events at the school; work will commence on expanding the Carbrook State School administration building, and considering the staff numbers have trebled since the building was first built the staff are really looking forward to that; Mount Warren Park State School will finally get the funds needed to refurbish the troublesome roof guttering that has been the bane of their maintenance budget for quite some time, with \$1 million allocated to finally fix this ongoing problem; and Windaroo State School will get two new outdoor creative learning spaces to the value of \$400,000.

On top of the election commitments, this government knows that school communities need ongoing improvements to meet growing populations so we will be delivering for more Macalister schools. Not content with opening a brand new building at the Beenleigh Special School last year, work will commence on another \$16.8 million building next financial year. This school's population has trebled in the last six years. Edens Landing State School will also benefit from a \$1 million refurbishment of their prep blocks because we all know that those prep classrooms need to have the space for the students to learn, grow and play. Eagleby South State School is also in line for facility upgrades worth \$400,000.

Along with education infrastructure, in a connected community like Macalister, roads and transport are vital to sustaining our community. I am pleased to see the continued allocation of funding for planning the M1 upgrade between Daisy Hill and Loganholme—in particular, the work on making the busway extension to Loganholme a reality. This will truly be a game changer for commuters not only in my electorate but also in the Springwood and Waterford electorates. I am pleased to see that the V1 upgrades, the Veloway upgrades, will occur alongside these road and public transport upgrades.

Work will continue on the signalisation of the Kruger Road and Beenleigh Redland Bay Road intersection at Carbrook, along with \$14.5 million worth of road safety upgrades and additional turning lanes further along Beenleigh Redland Bay Road. Planning will commence on widening Beenleigh Redland Bay Road to four lanes at Cornubia. Beaudesert Beenleigh Road between Beenleigh and Bannockburn is also due for upgrades. There is an upgrade between Mount Warren Boulevard and Tallagandra Road from two lanes to four lanes and pavement widening along the road at Bannockburn.

The state government will also contribute \$27.5 million to the upgrade of local roads in Bahrs Scrub, the fastest-growing part of my electorate, to meet the growing needs of those commuters and that fast-growing community. But it is not just about roads. The Beenleigh train station park-and-ride

has funds allocated to get that much anticipated project underway. Work will commence next financial year on a new \$7.2 million permanent fire station to service the Carbrook and Cornubia area alongside Mount Cotton and the Redlands. This can provide peace of mind for residents of Logan who know only too well that Logan is the state's hotspot for house fires.

Next financial year we will see work completed on the Hydrogen Training Centre of Excellence in Beenleigh. This was my signature \$20 million project that secured real job-training opportunities in secure, well-paying jobs but also with an eye to the jobs of the future, the future where Queensland is at the forefront of the hydrogen industry.

I also welcome the announcement of the permanency of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program. This program has assisted hundreds of my constituents into work and further training. I also note that in the next financial year we will finish many of the social housing projects that commenced this year with more to start, particularly in the community of Eagleby. I commend the bill to the House.