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 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (7.11 pm): The construction of key infrastructure projects is underway right across Waterford. We have seen great progress with the new eight-storey car park at Logan Hospital, which will provide an extra 1,500 car parks for our growing community. The car park forms part of a major expansion which will also involve moving the Loganlea train station to the front door of the hospital and, importantly, a new maternity ward which will be completed later this year.

This vital work will make life easier for constituents who have mobility issues such as my good friend Jenny Bennett. Jenny has MS and is in a wheelchair. When she visits the Logan Hospital for her regular appointments her husband Charlie has to drop her off at the front door, leaving her there while he finds a parking spot. This means that sometimes Jenny has to wait more than 15 or 20 minutes outside, even if it is raining, for Charlie to accompany her to her appointments. In total, we are investing over \$600 million into the project to ensure our growing community has the services it deserves, especially for those who need them the most.

Logan is also getting a new cultural precinct. Work has started on the \$16.1 million transformation of the Kingston Butter Factory. This new precinct will include performing arts, rehearsal and workshop spaces, black box theatre, an outdoor space for up to 5,000 people and a cultural centre. Given that Logan is one of the most multicultural cities in the world, it is about time we had our own precinct. Through our Works for Queensland program the state government has provided over \$6 million towards the project, which is expected to create 150 local jobs.

Finally, I would like to celebrate a recent win for road safety. Road safety is such a huge issue for my Waterford community, with two Bethania constituents being particularly strong advocates for change. After Henrietta and Roy Moran had a near miss on the Albert and Station Road intersection in Bethania, they lobbied me and Logan City Council to upgrade this intersection. Since I have been elected we have been delivering upgraded signage and new fencing to protect pedestrians, but finally Logan City Council has come to the party. We are getting a proper upgrade with traffic lights on every corner, a pedestrian crossing and new footpaths. I want to acknowledge all of the community members who have fought for this change, especially Roy and Henrietta Moran, who have been fierce advocates on this issue for many years.