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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (2.06 pm): I want to speak about the wonderful electorate of Toowoomba South and some of the things that have been delivered in the electorate and some of the things that I am still working towards to deliver for the wonderful communities that make up my electorate.

Firstly, I wanted to acknowledge the Glendale State School drop-off and pick-up zone that was delivered recently and was launched—2,200 vehicles going up and down Glendale Road. Children, staff and volunteers getting across that very busy road no longer need to worry about their safety as they have a dedicated drop-off and pick-up zone. Light upgrades at the corner of South and High streets will make getting to and from school at Rangeville State School even easier. We have classroom upgrades at Centenary Heights State School and an upgrade at Clifford Park Special School as well.

Beyond school infrastructure, I wanted to comment on some of the delivery that we have seen in Duggan Park at the top of Leslie Street, which has been beautifully upgraded and is now a wonderful place for families to visit. There is so much more that has to be done.

The Toowoomba Hospital is front and centre of what needs to come next in our electorate. This is a hospital that will service not just the people of Toowoomba but people right across southern Queensland to the Territory border and to New South Wales. There is a \$1.3 billion promise from the state government. It has been dropped back from \$2 billion, which was the initial plan. It is back to \$1.3 billion. The government has now promised to deliver this hospital by 2027. I think there is a glimmer of hope but I am not at all convinced that this government is capable of delivering that project, that important health service, on time and on budget. I, together with many of my colleagues, will be holding the government to account for every single dollar.

Mr Bailey: Just ignore the fact that the pandemic took place.

Mr JANETZKI: A key area that needs to be upgraded and reconsidered by the government—I am glad the minister is in the House—is the revealing during estimates of the second connector between Highfields and Westbrook is now being discussed as going from Highfields to Charlton. That does not service the need whatsoever of a growing western Toowoomba that is projected to have tens of thousands more people living there by 2050. We need that second connection road that will ease pressure on the New England Highway to go directly from Highfields to Westbrook, not via Charlton. We need to be delivering that road infrastructure for a growing part of the city and the region.

Finally, we continue to need action on crime in our community. I have recently worked with a man called Andrew Farquharson. Andrew's daughters, when they come home from Brisbane on the weekend, will not stay at their home. That was revealed on Channel 9. Hundreds of thousands of people have seen it. I am continuing to work with victims of crime because there is so much more that this government needs to do.