




Speech By
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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.57 pm): I start by disagreeing with the member for Maryborough: it is not all happening in Maryborough. There is plenty happening in Greenslopes, and I want to tell the House about it.

Last year Holland Park State High School turned 50. I would love to have had a present for them, but it was so big that it took me a year to wrap! For their 51st birthday this year, we are delivering \$18 million worth of infrastructure build at that school. This is the first significant infrastructure built at that school since it was opened 51 years ago. It is almost as old as me!

They are going to receive a new manual arts block. They will take the old manual arts block and turn it into a dedicated space for year 7s. They are turning another building into a wellness centre, where GPs, nurses, social workers and chaplains will all be located. They are also refurbishing their catering block. It will become a cafe to be used for training and for students. It is really exciting for Holland Park State High School, that is for sure! It is a great school in my electorate.

Just around the corner we have Nursery Road State Special School, where just last week we opened an \$11 million building. It is an administrative block and a senior classroom space. It continues the ongoing investment in Nursery Road State Special School. I fought hard for sporting facilities and, the first time ever, we now have sporting facilities in that school. Now we have new classrooms and an administrative block. It is really exciting.

Earlier I said that our government has achieved an unemployment rate of 3.8 per cent. We have done that through investing in infrastructure. It is not just schools. I see the Minister for Housing in the chamber. Very soon we will have 11 new apartments opening in Steele Street, Holland Park specifically for older Queenslanders. This is a great investment in our area. It has created employment. Those workers will soon be moving on to the next project, as we have a record investment in housing. I see the Minister for Transport in the chamber. We have recently opened the underpass under O'Keefe Street. This makes a huge difference, getting kids to and from Buranda State School much more safely and getting people in parts of Coorparoo active and really well connected through to the veloway. The Ukrainian Community of Queensland has received a \$50,000 sustainability grant, so it is putting in solar panels and batteries. That is a really fantastic outcome for that organisation.

As members can see, our government continues to invest in the electorate of Greenslopes. It is all happening there. We are creating good jobs, better services and a great lifestyle with all of these investments—by investing in schools, public transport, housing, sustainability and clean energy. These are all the ways we are making our community better, safer and brighter.