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## ADJOURNMENT

### Bundamba Electorate, State and Federal Government Support

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (7.22 pm): When it comes to investing in upgraded public transport infrastructure, our local community is on the fast track. We have an express trip towards a \$38 million upgrade of Bundamba train station. It is something that I was extremely proud to advocate and secure for our local community. It gives me great pleasure to inform the House that the first round of public consultation is now open with the release of artist impressions.

I want to ensure that everybody in my local community can access Bundamba station safely and without barriers. The upgrade will deliver major accessibility improvements including full-length raised platforms, a new overhead bridge with direct lift access, upgraded CCTV and station lighting, extended platform shelters and a host of other improvements. It is a huge boost for our local rail commuters and also for our local economy, with over 250 jobs supported during construction. It comes hot on the heels of the completion of our recent \$2.5 million safety upgrade of the Bundamba section of Brisbane Road and it is all part of our ongoing commitment to better roads and public transport in Ipswich.

While we are supporting Queenslanders, the federal LNP Morrison government continues to turn its back on Queensland communities like mine. We have seen the blatant mishandling of our national pandemic response with not enough vaccines, no rapid antigen tests, cutting Medicare in the middle of a pandemic—the list is practically endless. Scott Morrison is always missing in action when there is a crisis. He only responds when he is under pressure and bases every decision on his own political interests instead of what matters to local communities like mine. Under the Morrison LNP government we have had our hospital funding cut and Medicare slashed. We are paying more and waiting longer than ever to see a GP. We cannot risk more of Morrison's spin and excuses. We need a federal government with a real plan for secure jobs and better health care after COVID.

That is why over the weekend we saw such a strong show of support from the local community for our two hardworking local federal members of parliament, the member for Oxley, Milton Dick, and the member for Blair, Shayne Neumann. I was proud to join our local dedicated volunteers who were out in force right across Ipswich to fight for a federal Labor government that will be on the side of ordinary working Australians; a government with two hardworking local champions from our community in Milton Dick and Shayne Neumann.