




Speech By
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Algester Electorate; France, Mrs B

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts) (9.09 pm): My electorate of Algester is a great place to live and raise a family. With terrific public infrastructure and a strong sense of community, is it any wonder that more and more people are calling the Algester electorate home? To ensure the livability of the area and help people get to and from school and work quicker, we committed to and are delivering upgrades to the Beaudesert-Algester roads and Illaweena Street intersection. Construction is well underway, as Mr Deputy Speaker Martin well knows, on this over \$30 million investment to increase road capacity, ease congestion and cut travel times. Upgrades are also underway for bus stop relocations which will expand public transport access to many more in the Algester electorate and in the Stretton electorate. The new cycling and pedestrian crossings will encourage more people to keep active and improve road safety for all road users.

Pallara is one of the fastest growing suburbs in the Algester electorate. The government is supporting this community with an additional \$4.1 million allocated for new classrooms at the Pallara State School. Additionally, after working with and lobbying on behalf of community members, we are also providing a supervised crossing for the school, significantly improving the safety of students and staff. The Pallara community also has much to look forward to in the way of public transport. The commitment to extend the 126 bus route into the Pallara and Heathwood communities connects more Algester constituents to the Greater Brisbane area. There is a great deal of infrastructure being built or already delivered right across the Algester electorate, whether that be new classrooms at Calamvale Special School and Calamvale Community College, new fences and playgrounds at Algester and Acacia Ridge state schools or new admin blocks and classroom upgrades at many other local schools. I am incredibly proud to represent and work with the people of the Algester electorate to deliver infrastructure upgrades that make real and lasting impacts in the lives of families right across our community.

In the remaining time I have left, I want to acknowledge a dear friend, great Labor woman and local resident, Mrs Betty France, who recently passed away aged 84. I first got to know Betty in 2014 when I became the candidate for Algester. For many years she had been the branch president, secretary and whatever other role was asked of her by the Algester branch of the Labor Party and, along with her wonderful late husband, Cec, held the branch together through the dark Newman years. She was also a stickler for the rules and could be very firm with branch members but also one of the most loving and supportive people you could meet. She worked on many election campaigns and to me she was like a second mum. I remember sitting in her lounge room many a time talking about life, politics—although that was more Cec's thing—and all things community. She will be very much missed by family and friends. Vale, Betty France.