



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR ALGESTER**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Algester Electorate**

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Communities and Housing, Minister for Digital Economy and Minister for the Arts) (7.21 pm): 2022 has been another year of great challenge defined by flooding events and the recalibrating of life post the COVID pandemic. My electorate of Algester has not been immune to these challenges, but the people of Algester have, as always, demonstrated the great sense of community spirit that we are well known for, and we have seen a great deal of success across the Algester electorate. As we reach the end of year, I want to take this opportunity to highlight some of that great success.

Over the last year, small businesses and community organisations in the Algester electorate have been extremely fortunate in receiving over \$1.65 million worth of funding from a number of government grants. From the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Skilling Queenslanders for Work Fund to the Business Basics Grants, these grants have supported the great work they do in our local area.

The Algester electorate is fortunate to have some wonderful schools with talented students and dedicated teachers and support staff. Each year, I invite student leaders from each of the Algester electorate schools to Parliament House. This year I have had the pleasure of hosting a number of school leaders and I would like to give a quick shout-out to them: Linoa and Stanley from Acacia Ridge State School; Joseph, Molly-Rose, Dino and Maddie from Algester State School; Tvish, Medansch, Eloise, Chloe, Cayden, Amber, Tara, Tia, Bassel, Taylan, Chloe and Saakshi from Calamvale Community College; Rachael, Hardik, Jemma, Aelisha, Andrew, Mason, Sabrina, Axel, Nicholas, Amanda, Christopher, Cameron, Shikarra, Samuel and Ayant from Calamvale Special School; Keely, Cooper, Mia and Caleb from Pallara State School; Deecan, Destinee, Gabriel, Lily-Rae, Lesleigh, Shandelle and Tanaya from The Murri School; and Angel and Mofid from Watson Road State School.

We have also seen a number of infrastructure projects delivered or initiated by the Palaszczuk government over the last 12 months across the Algester electorate. We have seen building upgrades and two new playgrounds at Acacia Ridge State School as well as a new security fence that has made a huge difference to the school. Watson Road State School has also seen new security fencing. Calamvale Community College has seen new classrooms, as has Pallara State School, and St Bernadine's Catholic Primary School officially opened their new admin block.

Roadworks have begun on the much needed upgrade to the Illaweena Street, Beaudesert and Algester roads intersection, representing a \$32 million investment to increase road capacity, ease congestion and cut travel times along Beaudesert Road.

After a great deal of campaigning I was pleased to announce that a new bus service in Pallara will begin before the end of the year. Pallara residents will have a bus route with the extension of the 126 rolling out on 12 December 2022.

I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone from across the Algester electorate for their great community spirit and their incredible resilience, and I wish everyone a wonderful and safe holiday season.