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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.56 pm): Infrastructure is greatly appreciated by Redlanders, so I was pleased recently to visit Wellington Point State High School to see the progress of the school's shelter upgrade, or the hall upgrade, and the Brennan Centre. The shelter upgrade probably will cost around about a million dollars. It is an important project that has been on my radar and wish list for some time, so I am glad to see it happen. The upgrade includes a new foyer opening area, wall-to-wall soundproofing, improvements to flooring, air cooling system in the roof, basketball court and goals, a revamped staff area, a gym and more. The Brennan Centre is a flexi-space that allows a modified approach to education. The classrooms provide opportunities for successful learning experiences to improve student attainment and outcomes. The centre is aptly named after the school's founding principal Bevan Brennan. I want to commend the principal, Ross McNicholl, the staff and P&C for their hard work and innovative approach that has helped to get the best value out of these two recent developments for the students and families of Wellington Point High School.

To change gears, though, from a good outcome to something far less successful is the government's Redland Hospital upgrade debacle. The health minister's visit last week to Redland Hospital was a PR exercise that did not work. It only underscored the failure of the government to provide the desperately needed ICU and new beds by 2022. Several times I have spoken in this House about the government's litany of failures at Redland Hospital, including the worst ambulance ramping peaking at 73 per cent and no new beds provided in almost eight years now. The health minister failed to deliver between 2020 and 2022, in effect, abandoning Redlanders in our greatest hour of need during the COVID pandemic. The minister must be replaced and someone more competent found or I fear further delays and even budget blowouts to the hospital expansion, now delayed into 2023 and 2024. It is time for the health minister to go, to restore integrity and confidence at Redland Hospital.

Another area in which the government has failed Redlanders is in terms of transport and roads. The government has failed to invest in duplicating main state roads with one exception, duplicating the Cleveland rail line, so that the Cross River Rail would truly be beneficial, and the Eastern Busway which probably now needs to become the Metro delivered by the LNP Brisbane City Council and Redland City Council together because Redlanders cannot keep waiting for this government.

In a recent article in the *Redland City Bulletin*, it talked about sleepwalking into the future in terms of the need for the bus and the rail network and that the roads would barely scrape through with a pass mark. Much more needs to be done.