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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.15 pm): Across the Redlands there are more hard hats out on site than you can poke a stick at. Over the last five years, we have delivered some fantastic projects. We have a whole heap underway at the moment and more planned. I have had the opportunity to visit a number of sites over the last month.

At Victoria Point State High School we have completed the library refurbishment, the hall expansion, with security fencing all around, and at the moment we have an \$11 million STEM and hospitality building that is under construction which will provide an awesome experience for our students in the STEM and VET space. That is really exciting news for our high school students.

On Cleveland-Redland Bay Road we have the duplication underway. We completed the Anita Street intersection. Stage 2 planning works for the duplication are underway and we have stage 3 to go. I am looking forward to seeing that road duplicated. It will be fantastic for our community.

For our bay islands, we have just opened the Russell Island new jetty terminal and there are still three more to come. There has been over \$44 million worth of investment in the four Southern Moreton Bay Islands. The first one switched over for our Russell Island community. They look amazing, providing a fantastic arrival and departure experience for locals and people who come to visit our community.

Over Christmas we installed a new kindergarten building and prep building for our Russell Island State School. It is fantastic to be delivering a kindy in the state school setting over there in a school that has about 180 students. It is fantastic news.

Mr Tantari: You have been working hard.

Ms RICHARDS: I know! Working hard, I can tell you! It is fantastic news for our island community. There is so much happening over there. Our Skilling Queenslanders for Work program is about to launch over there—again, another fantastic Palaszczuk government program. I am proud of the work we have been delivering and continue to deliver over there.

I went through the satellite hospital with Hutchinson Builders. I want to give a shout-out to all of the builders because the humidity and heat over the last few weeks has been absolutely testing for all of them. I was at the satellite hospital on the most humid day in the world when the site had to shut down. It was a really hot day. They are about to go into the defects liability phase. That project is going to deliver health care closer to home for my island community and for the growing southern Redlands.

When we talk about planning and delivering infrastructure where we have growing communities, you see it in the Redlands at the moment. I am absolutely proud of that facility. Building on what we are doing at the Redland Hospital, the seven-level, multi-storey car park is due to open there. It will unlock the land there and enable us to keep growing that hospital for our Redlands community.

In the heart of Shoreline at the deep end of southern Redland Bay, we have our new \$60 million primary school, under construction. ADCO is on site and the heavy gear is there. As I said, there are more hard hats down there probably than anywhere else in Queensland. I cannot talk about cranes, but there are definitely hard hats. I am so proud of the work that our Palaszczuk government is delivering for my Redlands community.