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## ADJOURNMENT

### Miller Electorate

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services) (6.09 pm): I want to report to the House on quite a wide range of very good initiatives happening in my electorate of Miller. For instance, the Fairfield station accessibility upgrade is very close to opening now. The lifts are underway. This is part of the Cross River Rail project, although it was an election commitment of the government as well, and this adds to Yeronga as being fully accessible. I want to thank the communities around those stations. They have been very patient as we have made these stations accessible in a live rail environment, something that we always need to be careful of to protect our workers, but people are seeing these upgrades continue. We are seeing a lot of progress on the Dutton Park station accessibility upgrade and the Rocklea accessibility upgrade in the electorate of Toohey nearby. We will also be doing Moorooka. We have already closed Yeerongpilly station and started work on a full accessibility upgrade.

This is about making the public transport network accessible for people with all kinds of mobility issues, whether people might have a disability, a senior citizen who cannot get around so well or a parent with a pram. Making public transport accessible is very important. While the new underground Cross River Rail tunnel will be fantastic taking people to the Gabba and the heart of the CBD at Albert Street for the first time, you have to get people onto the system, and that is what we are doing on the south side of Brisbane. The Ekka station, which is not near my electorate, is going very well and will be a full-time station as well.

The security fence at Yeronga State School is up and running. Yeronga State School has seen some big changes with six new classrooms and a huge admin block where we converted the dental hospital. We have set it up for the future now. With so much parkland on its perimeter it has had a lot of issues over time, so that security fencing has been very welcomed by the P&C. We will also see the opening of the Yeronga Community Centre in the next month or two on the mixed-use precinct site of the old TAFE college that used to be at Yeronga next to the high school. The Yeronga Community Centre will have a permanent home. It does fantastic outreach work for the vulnerable members of our community. That is going to be a very significant event on the south side. Some of the scaffolding is already disappearing from the community centre that has been built this year. We are seeing the bitumen down there in the mixed-use precinct, so we will see housing going in there as well as an aged-care facility. We could have sold that site off for the biggest profit, but we chose to have a good outcome for the community. I think that is the right thing for Yeronga and Annerley, which borders it.

Last week I went to St Sebastian's fete. I want to thank all of the parents there for a fantastic fundraising event and everyone had a fantastic level of fun. We are also seeing the accessibility upgrade nearly done now at Sherwood State School, so a lot is happening in the Miller electorate. There is a lot more than that, but I thought I would get a report in before the House adjourned today.