



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Member for Bonney, Climate Change; Railway Stations, Accessibility

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services) (7.15 pm): I was very surprised at the member for Bonney's contribution railing against the clean energy transition. He pretends to be one of the more moderate members of the LNP, yet he seems to have been convinced by the hard right of the LNP to oppose the transition and to slow it down so that we can get more coal-fired power for longer, putting out emissions and contributing to climate change. It was very surprising. I will stand up here for the constituents of Bonney who do want to see that clean energy transition—unlike their state member of parliament, who is selling them out, who has clearly had his arm twisted by the LNP and who is locked into party discipline. It was a very interesting contribution from him. It sounds like his electorate needs to know that he certainly is no longer representing their interests in this place.

I want to speak about the issue of accessibility in my local electorate. We are seeing substantial progress now in terms of the station upgrades in my electorate of Miller. Graceville, the upgrade of which was completed a number of years ago, is very well enjoyed by the constituents of Graceville, Chelmer and Sherwood. We have now completed the station accessibility upgrades at both Yeronga station and Fairfield station. This is fantastic news for all of the people who live in Fairfield, Annerley and Yeronga. We are now doing Yeerongpilly; Dutton Park to the north, which my constituents of Fairfield and Annerley also use; and Rocklea, just down the road in the member for Toohey's area. A huge amount of effort is going in to make sure that these stations are easy to use for people who have a disability. One in five Queenslanders has a disability. It is not just people in wheelchairs; it might be people with a visual impairment or a cognitive disability, senior citizens who do not get around so well anymore or parents with a pram.

At these stations now there are now lifts where people go in one way and go out the other way. They are very easy to use if you are going in the one direction. The raised platforms are very good in terms of getting straight into the train, with no step up into the train. There are a whole lot of features, including braille maps. People who cannot see can learn where everything is in that station as they arrive so that they know exactly where to go. On those sorts of things we consulted with all of the disability groups. We want our public transport system to be user-friendly for everybody, particularly people who have disabilities. I think that is their human right. We will see a lot more happening with station upgrades across a whole lot of other areas such as Banyo, Bundamba, Morningside and Burpengary as well as the Cross River Rail stations including the full-time Ekka station, which will be well received as well.