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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (10.00 pm): I did not want to interrupt that speech; I wanted it to go on and on.

One of the things I find exciting in my electorate—and I know the member for Algeester shares my enthusiasm for this—is parkrun. Yarrabilba parkrun is one of the most fantastic parkruns. I was there recently with Councillor Nathan St Ledger to celebrate Viv's 500th parkrun. That is 10 years of inspiring others to get healthy. Yarrabilba is a great place to get healthy with so many trails surrounding the town. I congratulate the Darlington parkrunners on building this great institution and promoting good health in Logan.

I, like the parkrunners, am trying to do my bit to make Logan healthier. A while ago Logan MPs announced the most recent stage of development at the Logan Hospital, which is being built now. It includes four new floors, 318 new beds and treatment spaces, new surgery and operating rooms, a new maternity ward, five new birthing suites as well as upgrades and a new clinical services building. This is in addition to the previously built 1,500 new parking spaces, the two 28-bed medical wards and the mental health lounge at the emergency department. That is a huge investment.

Logan Hospital can be a daunting place to visit. For the most part, it is dealing with people who are seriously ill. Some would prefer regular services in a smaller venue closer to their homes. That is why we built satellite hospitals—connected to the bigger hospitals and delivering connected services in places such as Eight Mile Plains. Ever since we introduced the concept of services closer to home, I have been pushing for a satellite hospital for southern Logan's growth areas. That is why on the morning that so many parkrunners were celebrating Viv's 500th run I was gathering signatures on a petition for a health service in Yarrabilba.

I am pushing for a satellite hospital. I lobbied for it before. Now we have seen the results, including at Eight Mile Plains, I am pushing for one for southern Logan. I did not give up last time and this time I am getting the community involved by asking them to sign the petition I have been running for weeks. The Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital treats minor illnesses and injuries that are not life threatening, but it also has a range of specialist services, including kidney dialysis, cancer day therapy and mental, allied health and outpatient services.

I have a friend Bev whose husband unfortunately died of cancer. They had to go into the PA to get chemo treatment. The PA was a fair hike. I would love to see patients—people like Bev and her husband—get the treatment they deserve closer to home.

I am pleased that recent reports show that this is on the short list for consideration. I will support any new health service for Logan, but I am getting the community behind the call for a satellite hospital for Logan and more health services for Logan. On Friday I am down at McKinnon Markets and I will be joining the community to call for even better health services for Logan.