



Speech By Hon. David Janetzki

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Hon. DC JANETZKI (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (9.13 pm): I want to spend a few moments talking about some wonderful things that are happening in my local community in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. Firstly, I want to give a shout-out to Denise Statham, who has been running the bakery at Wyalla Plaza for 21 years. For 21 years Denise has been at it—19 staff, over 3,000 customers a week.

Mr Stevens: That's a lot of bread.

Mr JANETZKI: That is a lot of bread. I take the interjection from the honourable member. Denise and her husband, Mick, have owned their bakery for that 21-year period. They are legends in our town. I want to give Denise a shout-out. I got to know her very well, sadly, because she had been targeted by youth crime on a number of occasions. I think about the strong actions we have taken on Adult Crime, Adult Time, properly resourcing the police and focusing on early intervention and rehabilitation. When I think about the strength in our youth crime laws and returning consequences for actions, I know that the small business community of Toowoomba and my region back in those actions, too.

I also want to acknowledge the progress that is being made on the Toowoomba Hospital: 538 beds, 118 new beds. I recently visited with the CEO of our HHS, Annette, to see the work that is ongoing there and to see the progress that is being made. It is an outstanding piece of engineering that is being done on the Baillie Henderson site. It is a pleasure that we are able to deliver the hospital we were originally promised all those years ago by the former government and which they then abandoned.

We are delivering a one-campus solution in Toowoomba at the Baillie Henderson site. As we were promised, that will save \$400 million every year in operational costs. That is an important investment into our region's future as a hub for health services: to our west to the territory border, to the south to New South Wales, and to the north-west as well. I also want to congratulate new Toowoomba Hospital Foundation CEO Jude and chair Jacqui on their continuing efforts in our community to provide hospital and health services right across South-West Queensland with the facilities and services they need to be doing their job, no matter where they are.

I also want to acknowledge Mr Saxton and the school leaders from Glenvale State School who visited me in Parliament House. They are an understanding young group of young boys and girls who are getting ready to next year attend high school. One is going to Joey's, one to Rosewood, another to Glennie and also Harristown State High School. As those kids move on to their next adventure, I wish them all the very best.

Finally, I want to congratulate Eve, who recently won a secondary school citizenship award. I have known Eve for most of her life. She is an outstanding young woman with outstanding parents who have made an extraordinary contribution to our community. Eve is preparing to leave high school. I wish her all the very best in her future endeavours as she sets out to become a schoolteacher.