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LAIDLEY DISTRICT STATE SCHOOL

Dr PRENZLER (Lockyer—ONP) (10.29 a.m.): Last Saturday, 27 November, my wife Christine and I attended the official opening of the new \$5.5m Laidley District State School. The official opening was performed by the Minister for Education, the Honourable Dean Wells. On behalf of the people of Laidley and district, I thank the Minister for giving of his time on Saturday to participate in this opening.

As many honourable members would be aware, the move to construct a new school at Laidley was surrounded by controversy in a number of areas. The proposal was to build a new school for Laidley on the existing site of what was then known as Laidley North. At the change of Government in June 1998, the new school was already in the planning stage and the project proceeded. Construction commenced early this year and, eight months later, the new school was finished.

Much of the controversy surrounding this new school's construction concerns the site, and it was fuelled by the fact that this new school is the result of the amalgamation of three previously existing schools—Laidley North, Laidley Central and Mulgowie State Schools.

The new school is a wonderfully relaxed piece of architecture with the backdrop of the Laidley countryside. The official opening went very smoothly. The students of the school entertained those present with song and theatre which incorporated the theme of the new school—"The peace builders". I take time to commend the hard work and dedication of the school's new principal, Mr Ken Fischer, and his deputy, Jan Pitt, for a job well done.
