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Mr BRISKEY (Cleveland—ALP) (7.11 p.m.): Q-Build is alive and well, and working magnificently in Queensland schools. During visits to almost 50 Queensland schools in the last month, it has become abundantly apparent to me that Q-Build management and staff have worked cooperatively with schools and have the very best interests of our schools at heart. Over and over during the last week, principals and P & C presidents have told me of their satisfaction with the good service, quality work and flexibility of Q-Build officers.

Q-Build has risen admirably to the challenges presented by Statewide flooding and the ravages of Cyclone Steve in the north. Their efforts have been integral in getting students back to school in safe and comfortable facilities. Those opposite have told us that they would kill off Q-Build given half the chance, but they should ask themselves how many private contractors would deliver the level of overall service and attention to detail that Q-Build provides.

One call to Q-Build during the recent troubles in the north and every available field officer was diverted to the Caravonica State School to help with flood damage—plumbers, carpenters, painters, electricians and many more. They were there shoulder to shoulder with the school community as a result of just one telephone call. At Currajong State School in Townsville, Q-Build arrived before the fire brigade when a storeroom was set on fire by arsonists. Without the efforts of those Q-Build officers, much more damage would have occurred. As it was, damage was limited to the storeroom and the sporting equipment that it held.

Another fine example of Q-Build's worth is evident at Boonah State High School. The very first school that I visited in my new role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education was Boonah State High School. I was there to inspect the school following a severe tornado-like storm that caused massive damage to the school on the last days of the school year. The school was devastated. Roofs were blown off, and the entire end of one block was demolished by fierce winds. The challenge facing the school was to rebuild the damaged blocks prior to the commencement of the school year. Q-Build rose to the challenge magnificently, carrying out major demolition, design and construction works during the Christmas school holidays.

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