



Speech by

**Hon. D. WELLS**

**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**High School, Beaudesert Shire**

**Hon. D. M. WELLS** (Murrumba—ALP) (Minister for Education) (12.39 p.m.), by leave: Flagstone will be the site for the new high school for the northern area of the Beaudesert Shire. It is likely the new school will open in 2002. While I acknowledge the local council's advocacy for building the new school at Jimboomba, where its constituents are currently concentrated, Flagstone will deliver the best possible outcomes for the coming generation of students in the area.

Statistics show that were the school located at Jimboomba the number of students at Beaudesert State High School would decline to a level at which the number of subjects offered would decrease, thus diminishing the education options for those students. Education Queensland forecasts show that were the school built at Jimboomba, Park Ridge State High School enrolments would blow out to 2,275 by 2015 to make it the largest school in the State, with all the problems of overcrowding that would involve. I table the department's forecasts and ask that the table be incorporated in Hansard.

Leave granted.

The document read as follows—

School name	2002	2003	2005	2007
Flagstone option				
Flagstone school	793	845	958	1067
Beaudesert SHS	866	896	956	992
Park Ridge SHS	1695	1741	1842	1894
Jimboomba option				
Jimboomba school	906	936	996	1027
Beaudesert SHS	755	779	827	852
Park Ridge SHS	1716	1779	1925	2035
School name				
	2009	2011	2013	2015
Flagstone option				
Flagstone school	1159	1269	1387	1501
Beaudesert SHS	997	998	994	982
Park Ridge SHS	1887	1892	1897	1904
Jimboomba option				
Jimboomba school	1024	1025	1025	1012
Beaudesert SHS	849	848	846	839
Park Ridge SHS	2088	2154	2217	2275

**Mr WELLS:** Despite making the departmental analyses available to council and the community, nobody has contradicted what the figures show. Indeed, although the council has not done a benchmark development sequence, such work as it has done in that direction, and kindly provided to me, confirms my department's prediction of population growth in Flagstone. The statistics show that Flagstone is the only option, and we intend to build the high school there.

A further advantage of the Flagstone location is that the new school can be a P-12 school if that is what the community wishes. Whether it is a P-12 school or a conventional high school, it will provide the northern Beaudesert community with a modern, innovative educational institution second to none in Queensland. I am confident that the community will work together to make its new school a success.