



Speech by

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#### **FLAGSTONE HIGH SCHOOL**

**Hon. K. R. LINGARD** (Beaudesert—NPA) (10.26 a.m.): The government has decided to build at new high school at Flagstone to start in 2002. For any community this should be a joyous occasion, with signs and buildings as the school gets ready for the potential \$11 million to \$12 million complex in six months time. At the present time there is nothing in the area. There are no billboards and signs, and the reason is that this has been a complete government farce.

The only reason that the school was built at Flagstone is the fact that the ALP found a friendly developer who gave it a block of land. But the developer went bust. So there are no houses around the land, there are no shops around the land, there is no infrastructure around the land, and the site has been changed three times.

Until a few weeks ago, the land was not even handed over. So the government decided to use the local primary school as an interim measure for the high school for next year. It was thought that a few demountable buildings could be placed at the primary school whilst a couple of permanent buildings could be built and then used by the primary school when the high school moved to its permanent site. Now there has been a new change. It has been decided to wait until December, when other schools have finished with their demountable buildings, and then move these buildings onto the site over Christmas and be ready for the school to start in 2002. It has now been decided to use a corner of the land which will be the permanent site in the future.

So now we have a department trying to convince a community to send kids to a school which will spring up over Christmas. It is a school which will have demountable classrooms and demountable toilets and probably the effects of a very wet Christmas and new year. And it will be moved again for 2003.

The government cannot talk about excellence and a Smart State when this is what is happening in its own departments. I call on the minister to stop this absolute farce, which has occurred simply because the ALP and a land developer wanted to play mates.

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