



Speech by

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## INALA ELECTORATE, TOMORROW'S SCHOOLS

**Ms PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (11.47 am): As part of Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland, the Bligh government is committed to improving the education of our young people across Queensland. As a government, we are rock solid in our commitment to delivering world-class education. The Bligh government will provide an extra 240 kindergarten services in Queensland by 2014 and extra support to help children and families most in need to access early education services.

The contrast between this side of the House and the opposite is quite clear. We have a plan; they have merely words. I am pleased that the minister for education, the Hon. Rod Welford, has committed around \$70 million to building better schools in the electorate of Inala. During the last session of parliament, we heard from the opposition spokesman on education showing that he has simply no concept or understanding when it comes to education policy and the Tomorrow's Schools program.

**Mr Langbroek** interjected.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** Under the Tomorrow's Schools program, we are creating an education package to suit the needs of our local community—something that the member simply does not understand. We are putting in place Queensland's first ever literacy centre in Inala. We have increased opportunities for senior students to undertake school based vocational training and we are renewing our schools with high-quality facilities. The entire Inala community has embraced this plan.

In contrast, the opposition spokesman has no understanding. He has never even set foot in Inala. Now he has said 'Under LNP policy, the State Schools of Tomorrow program will end.' He will end the funding. He will pull the money out of Inala and he will redirect it. Those children are most in need and he has no understanding. I challenge the opposition spokesman to come out to Inala and meet with the parents and the P&Cs and let them explain to him how this money is needed for our local community. Will the member do that?

**Mr Langbroek:** I will happily come and meet with Richlands P&C and—

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** No, the member can come out and meet with the other P&Cs because he stands up in this House and says things that he has simply no understanding and no concept about.