




Speech By
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 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works) (2.26 am): I rise tonight to give an update on some of the great things that have happened in my electorate of Everton in recent times. I begin with congratulating Everton Park State High School for their fight and the proposals that they put forward to the Minister for Education that were accepted with regard to its ongoing viability.

I congratulate the school because right from the start I encouraged them not to fight this battle on emotion but to actually address the issues of viability, which they did extremely well. I congratulate Principal Sue Wallace and also the head of the P&C David Brock who led this battle. It was a great day when it was announced that Everton Park's future is assured. I look forward to working with the school to see what it will look like in the future, as it still remains a small school but obviously it will get a lot larger than it is at the moment.

I would also like to thank the Minister for Local Government for some money that was given for a betterment project in the electorate of Everton. I know that it is a bit unusual to get this project in a suburban electorate, but we had a causeway, a pedestrian crossing across Kedron Brook, off Maba Court, Everton Hills. This was a commonly used area for residents to cross the creek and go to the Oxford Park train station. For years this particular pedestrian crossing would flood. It is great to see that, rather than replacing like for like, we have actually invested \$200,000, with \$100,000 that has come from the local Moreton Bay Regional Council, and that work is under foot. I would like to thank Councillor Brian Battersby, who has played a major role as well in making all of this happen. The residents there are looking forward to that improvement.

I would also like to congratulate Albany Creek State School, which has just been nominated as one of the new independent public schools. It joins another school in my electorate, McDowall State School, which is already an independent public school. This school is ideally placed for this scheme, led by a very hardworking and innovative principal, Mr Paul Kingston, and a fantastic progressive P&C association, the president being Kerri-Lee Halas. These people do a fantastic job. I am looking forward to seeing how that school will develop over the next few years as an IPS.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the fact that we now have flashing lights at McDowall State School and Northside Christian College. The roads outside both of those schools are busy. It is good to see that the Minister for Transport has now made those schools a safer place for children, and I thank him very much for that.