




Speech By
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 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (7.18 pm): We have reached that time of the year when we have got one more sitting day of parliament and then we will all retire to our electorates to wind down the rest of the year. So I thought it was appropriate to report on some of the activities in my electorate and to give a few thank-yous to some very important people. My electorate is only quite small, at 34 square kilometres, but I do have the best part of Queensland and I do not think I will get too many arguments—

Government members interjected.

Mr HART: Maybe I will—come in spinner! My electorate does not have too many issues, apart from those general state-wide issues of health, law and order, and education. These were the things that the Labor Party wrecked while they were in government and that we have had to fix. There are a couple of things about the education area in my electorate that I would like to talk about in particular.

Miami State High School had one of the biggest maintenance backlogs in the state—\$2 million. We managed to clear that. We have managed to clear the maintenance backlog of every school in my electorate and every school in every other electorate in this state, and that is a fantastic achievement. At Miami State High School there is a year 7 building being built. The principal was telling me today that it is going to be handed over in the next couple of days. There are 12 new classrooms for year 7s coming into high school. My Varsity College junior campus has a brand-new building with 15 or 20 classrooms—and I cannot remember which. I now have an extra two independent public schools in my electorate joining the two that I had. So now four out of seven of my public schools are independent public schools, and they are very excited about that. We have a number of flashing lights at our schools. That is a great outcome for education in my very small electorate.

I would like to talk for a second about the Fleay master plan, and I would like to thank the minister for that. We are spending quite a bit of money there. We are going to get Fleay to a place where it needs to be. Many honourable members may have visited Fleay Wildlife Park in my electorate. We are putting in a pontoon and we are looking forward to achieving that.

When I was first elected, the boardwalk around the Burleigh headland did not go all the way around. The previous government spent \$1.4 million putting in a very flash bit of boardwalk. We spent \$35,000 and we fixed up the rest of it, which probably accounted for 90 per cent of the path. One thing I would like to do is see some solar lighting put in and I am working hard to achieve that. That is one of my targets for next year.

I thank the members of our committee and the staff of our committee as well as my staff in Burleigh: Renee Whitehead, Jacqui and Matt who work in my office. I wish everybody a happy Christmas and a merry New Year.

(Time expired)