



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redcliffe State High School; Redcliffe Special School; Redcliffe TAFE

 **Ms D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (11.32 pm): I rise to raise concerns on behalf of the school community from Redcliffe State High School, Redcliffe Special School and Redcliffe TAFE and also to ask for an answer from the Minister for Education. In August last year I attended a public meeting at the Redcliffe TAFE. It was not well publicised, but it was a public meeting. Originally we were made to wait. Those who were students of the college were made to wait while there was a meeting with the staff. This meeting with the staff and then with the public was to advise the community that a decision had been made by the department that the TAFE will be moving from its existing facilities into leased facilities. The reason it would be moving was there was a decision made that the Redcliffe Special School would be moving into the TAFE facilities and that the Redcliffe State High School would be taking over the special school facilities as part of preparing for the year 7 transition.

In January 2014 I saw the Redcliffe State High School's hall being ripped down over the school holidays. I made inquiries as to why this perfectly good hall for a school that prides itself on its performing arts was being pulled down. I was advised that it was part of the decision to move into the special school, that the hall would be pulled down, new year 7 classrooms would be built in that spot but that the school would be getting a bigger and better hall built on the special school premises as part of the shift for 2015.

Last month I was briefed by the director-general of education. I asked for an update on the move of the special school and the TAFE. I was advised that no such decision has ever been made and it was simply one idea that was being considered, no decision has been made and there was no intention to proceed with it in the near future. That was followed up by a letter confirming that by the director-general. What is disappointing, however, is only last week the school was still led to believe that this was happening and were not given the decency of being told that this was not happening. I would like to table a letter from the P&C president of Redcliffe State High School outlining their concerns that they have been misled as to why their hall has been ripped down.

*Tabled paper:* Letter, dated 28 May 2014, from Carlos Ortega, President P&C, Redcliffe State High School to Hon. John-Paul Langbroek, Minister for Education, Training and Development [\[5332\]](#).

They are still waiting on answers or any explanation from the government as to why this is no longer progressing. It is six months out from the end of the school year and no-one has told the high school, the special school or the TAFE that this is not happening. The department told my local paper this week that it was because of a lack of funding, I was told the decision was never made in the first place and the school was told it was still progressing. We want answers.