



Speech By
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 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation) (11.16 pm): At the beginning of this year I became the first Aboriginal woman to ever rise in this House. Every day since it has been an absolute privilege and honour to serve the people of Algester and the people of Queensland. It has been a privilege and honour to be the Minister for Housing and Public Works where I have had the opportunity to oversee the reinstatement of an independent tenant advice and advocacy service, something that was defunded by the previous government and something that we have been proud as a Labor government to reinstate. I have been proud to remove the gag clauses from contracts to ensure that service providers can advocate on behalf of the people whom they serve. I have been absolutely privileged and honoured to work with the incredibly passionate plumbing industry on the plumbing and drainage amendment bill and to work on the Building Act review with an incredibly passionate building industry.

It has also been a privilege and honour to be the Minister for Science and Innovation and to lead the work that we are doing as a government around Advance Queensland, preparing our state for the economies of the future, ensuring that our students, our kids, are well equipped with the skills that they are going to need for future economies in this state to be globally competitive. Of course, it has been an absolute pleasure to be the member for Algester and to serve the people of Algester. I have had the opportunity to work with Neighbourhood Watch groups from right across my electorate, from Hillcrest to Forestdale and from Heathwood to Algester, working with The Spot at Parkinson, the Greenbank RSL Men's Shed and their photography group—

A government member: A great group.

Ms ENOCH: It is a fantastic group. I go on: the Fifty Plus Club in Forest Lake and the National Seniors groups in Parkinson, Algester and Forest Lake.

Today, as we are almost at the end of the school year, I want to pay special tribute to the incredible schools I have in my electorate. I am very fortunate to have very passionate, hardworking teachers and incredibly talented students right across my electorate. There is St John's Anglican College, where Suzanne Bain is the principal and where I will be celebrating the Forest Lake Christmas carols this weekend; Boronia Heights State School, where Dan Nielsen is the principal, celebrated their 25th anniversary this year; Grand Avenue State School, where Mick Quinn has been doing an incredible job; Colin Torr from Algester State School; Phil Manitta from St Stephen's Catholic Primary School; and Pallara State School, where Lauren Sturges has been holding the fort while we prepare the brand-new school in Pallara, a brand-new school for the community where the wonderful Mark Johnstone will be the new principal.

I want to wish all the students in my electorate a very safe and festive season and a fantastic new year. They have a government that is working for them, making sure that they live in a fair Queensland and a Queensland that is prepared for the future.