




Speech By
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 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (11.46 pm): I rise to talk about what has happened in the electorate of Maryborough in the past two and a half years since the election of the Palaszczuk government. On being elected, one of the first things that the government did was to improve the Torbanlea floodway, which had been a problem for Torbanlea residents travelling to Hervey Bay and for kids travelling to and from school. We then reinstated the pathology department at the Maryborough Hospital. It was the only hospital on the east coast of Australia that did not have a pathology department. We reopened and expanded TAFE in Maryborough, which was a great thing for local students.

Ms Pease: Gosh, you have been busy. Good on you. You are delivering for your community. Well done!

A government member: Delivering for Maryborough.

Mr SAUNDERS: I take those interjections. It is a committed government that is delivering for Maryborough and I would like to say 'thank you'. The new TAFE enables students to study and be tutored in Maryborough, which is a great achievement. I personally thank the member for Redcliffe on behalf of the young people who can now stay in my community and attend TAFE.

Through our commitment to school funding, we are getting a brand-new \$4 million creative arts hall at Maryborough State High School, which will transform that school into one of the best high schools in Queensland. I congratulate the principal, Simon Done, who has done great work at the school. He has signed an agreement with the University of the Sunshine Coast where students can do courses, which is working well.

Mr Costigan interjected.

Mr SAUNDERS: I take the interjection from the member for Whitsunday: it is a very good university. It is good to see that my local Maryborough high school is working with USC to make sure that the children and young adults of my electorate get a great educate. There is also the \$1 million music hall at Tinana State School. The arts is a very important part of education. I am grateful to this government, which has listening to the community of Maryborough and is investing money into creative arts and music in our education system. While sport is very important within school, so too are the arts. We have to remember that more people participate in the arts than play sport. It is great to see that the government and the minister are committed to the schools in my electorate.

I would also like to thank the government and ministers for the traffic lights at St Helens State School. It was one of the most dangerous schools for people to enter when taking their students to school and to exit when taking their students home from school. This is a great job. The Palaszczuk government has definitely delivered for my electorate.