




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Wilsonton State High School, Comments by Member for Ashgrove

 **Mr WATTS** (Toowoomba North—LNP) (11.10 pm): I rise to respond to the outrageous and nonsensical claims by the member for Ashgrove about the Wilsonton State High School. The member for Ashgrove and part-time Minister for Education is wrong and this is just another Labor con job on the people of Toowoomba North. Labor's tired old tactics are as obvious as they are disgraceful. Here is the proof, and I challenge the member for Ashgrove and the Labor candidate for Toowoomba North: if she thinks I am not telling the truth now, she should refer me to the Ethics Committee. In November 2014 the LNP promised to build a hall at the Wilsonton State High School. On 12 January 2015 I stood next to the member for Surfers Paradise, the then minister for education, and publicly committed to building the hall. I table my press release committing to this dated 12 January.

The member for Ashgrove has said in this House that a promise was unfunded. The member for Ashgrove is wrong—W-R-O-N-G, wrong. It is a con and that is what she is trying to do. The LNP's 2015 election costings included a fund of money to pay for a number of school infrastructure projects. The pool of funds was the Better Schools Boost and \$40 million was set aside for the projects. The Wilsonton State High School was one of those projects fully funded from the Better Schools Boost. I table the page of the LNP election costing document detailing the Better Schools Boost.

As these documents clearly show, the Wilsonton State High School was a commitment by the LNP and was included in the election costings and therefore was fully funded. The member for Ashgrove has said in this House that the last LNP government CBRC did not consider this project. Again, the member for Ashgrove and part-time Minister for Education is talking out of her hat and trying to con the people of my electorate. I am proud of my service to the people of Toowoomba North. I know that they have a bright future under a Nicholls LNP government. I also know that the people of Toowoomba North see through the con job by the member for Ashgrove and the Labor candidate. I call on the Labor Party to get out of the gutter and campaign on its poor record rather than lying about my record. Again, I table a document that shows clearly the minister had no intention—

Mr HINCHLIFFE: I rise to a point of order. The member for Toowoomba North used unparliamentary language and I ask that you call him to order.

Mr SPEAKER: I think you are referring to the word 'lying'. Would you withdraw the word please, member for Toowoomba North?

Mr WATTS: I withdraw 'lying' and say 'untruth'. I also table a document that shows quite clearly that the minister intended to not open that facility until term 2 of 2018 but after pressure from myself in fact changed the date and moved forward the opening of the school hall.

Tabled paper: Bundle of documents relating to the Wilsonton State High School [[1472](#)].

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, members. I realise that the clock says time is up, but unfortunately I think he had a few more moments left on the clock.

Mr WATTS: When the part-time education minister wants to criticise me for the advocacy of my community, she better make sure she is telling the truth because I have the documents to prove her wrong.

Mr SPEAKER: All right; thank you. We get the message.