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Cleveland District State High School, Multipurpose Centre

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.06 pm): On 12 March, the long-awaited multipurpose centre at Cleveland District State High School was opened. It has been a long haul for the school community, which has worked hard for this indoor auditorium. I want to acknowledge the presence of former members for Cleveland Darryl Briskey and Phil Weightman. Cleveland had only three MPs in its almost three-decade history and all three MPs were there for the opening. I cannot think of a similar local event in my 10 years at which all three members for Cleveland have come together. It shows the importance of this piece of infrastructure, the high reputation of Cleveland high school and the broad respect for the longstanding principal, Paul Bancroft, and his deputies. I want to honour the former members for Cleveland not only for their attendance but also for actively lobbying, as I have done also, to get the funding. The combined weight of three Cleveland MPs over the years lobbying in support of the school community's campaign has been most helpful. I also acknowledge the attendance of the members for Lytton and Capalaba.

The opening of the Cleveland high school multipurpose centre is most welcome. The centre was aptly named the Paul Bancroft Centre after longstanding principal Paul Bancroft. It will be a legacy to his achievement long after he has retired. The school has had the use of the Smith Street hall for many years; however, the new facility will cater so much better for the continued growth in student enrolments and provide a resource that Cleveland high school has long been in need of. I am happy to have played a part in the delivery of this \$6 million indoor sports auditorium for the school community of Cleveland high school as the local member. The auditorium will seat the whole school of over 2,000 students, and the high-tech retractable section can seat almost 1,000 people in itself.

The event was a great success and included performances from a number of the school's ensembles, choirs and dancers as well as official speeches, followed by the unveiling of the plaque. The school is extremely excited for this new facility and the resources and opportunities it provides the sports and creative arts departments and the school community generally.

I also note the work of the school P&C. I have worked together with them and several presidents over that time. I pay tribute to their work. As I have said in this House and say again for the record, this has been a high-priority project since my election to office 10 years ago, on 21 March 2009. I have actively supported the school in its quest for a hall in a range of different ways. I co-sponsored the petition with the P&C that received over 2,300 signatures. No doubt that people power went some way to finally pushing the project over the line. Ultimately, this work all paid off. I am glad to have been the state MP for Cleveland high school and to see this project delivered.