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 **Ms LEAHY** (Warrego—LNP) (7.24 pm): I have recently had the pleasure of visiting many of the students in the Warrego electorate schools that have a number of requests for the state government. The first one is better internet. Many students in my electorate will not be able to view this speech online through the parliament website as their internet does not have the capacity. Schools like Morven conducted lessons during COVID by teleconference due to the poor internet in that community. At Wallumbilla State School I was able to speak to the students through Microsoft Teams. I was impressed by the number of students in year 12 at Charleville State High School who intend to pursue university studies and especially those doing apprenticeships. They will be our future lawyers, engineers, hairdressers and mechanics.

I give a shout-out to the Charleville St Mary's year 6 students who questioned me for over an hour on issues like vegetation management and the former deputy premier of this state. In Quilpie, the students asked for a tuckshop, whereas at St Finbarr's students asked about sealing the cross-strip at the Quilpie Airport. I have to say that my students are on the ball when it comes to infrastructure issues—they don't miss a beat!

In Thargomindah, the students recently lost a teacher and invited me back to be their teacher. They were a little bit disappointed when I said that I was their member of parliament—

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr McArdle): Alright; self-inflicted.

Ms LEAHY: In Cunnamulla, the Sacred Heart students wanted a water bubbler at their skate park and some more jumps in that park. At Cunnamulla State School, I pay tribute to long-serving principal Karen Campbell, who will be retiring at the end of the year. I thank her for the many years of service that she has given to education. In Augathella, the students asked for a water park with soft fall in their park. They also were pretty excited about more jumps in their skate park. Again, the Morven students wanted a waterside for their swimming pool on their education grounds. The drought has certainly focused the students on water activities.

The future of the Warrego electorate is in good hands. I am immensely proud of the calibre of these students at their young age. I thank their parents, teachers and support staff for facilitating their education. I look forward to advocating on behalf of these students from Charleville, Quilpie, Cunnamulla, Thargomindah, Augathella, Morven and Wallumbilla and all students across the Warrego electorate who do such a tremendous job in their communities and contribute greatly to their communities. We certainly are in good hands across that region because of the calibre of those students.