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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (2.46 pm): Logan will unite and recover. We have united to follow the rules and to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Logan. We have united to look after every person; the healthy and the strong changing their behaviour so those who are aged or have health conditions could be safe. Now we will unite again to recover and create the jobs and services that the city needs. As a former high school teacher I know the value of education in transforming lives. I know about its value in giving a young person the best chance to get the job they want for life. That is why after so much work from the local community and the member for Jordan I am excited that on Tuesday the Premier announced funding for a new primary school to serve the Greenbank and North Maclean communities.

The new state-of-the-art school will be built opposite the Pub Lane shops in the Everleigh Estate behind the soon-to-be-built sport and recreation park. Opening in 2022 it will have a resource centre, multipurpose hall, prep learning area, junior learning area, student and staff amenities, canteen and covered areas—a great place, as good as anywhere in Queensland, to teach, to learn and play. It will also provide 220 jobs during construction and local jobs for teachers, teacher aides, cleaners and groundskeepers. These are vital local jobs to aid the economic recovery.

What worries me is that our plan to recover could be put at risk by the LNP. We saw that they wanted to put Logan at risk by bringing in people from Victoria to infect Logan. Indeed, we just heard a member say they wanted to continue to do it. That would slow down the recovery. I am also worried that they would not deliver on the schools we need to recover. We have heard how they cut the number of teachers for growing Logan schools, but what is worse is that they did not build the classrooms we needed in a growing area.

I have spoken before about the two other schools that we have built in Logan, but we should also mention new classrooms at Logan Village State School, an SEF block in Flagstone State Community College, a STEM centre in Park Ridge State High School, as well as a new classroom block currently being built at Logan Reserve State School. This is the investment that a growing area needs, but it is not what we got under the LNP. Members probably know that in three years the LNP built no new schools. What they probably do not know is that there was not even a single classroom built for this fast growing area. We cannot trust the LNP to keep us safe from COVID-19. They would have flooded Queensland with cases. We certainly cannot trust the LNP when it comes to helping Logan recover because they have a record of no new classrooms in Logan.