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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Sandy Strait State School

 **Mr TANTARI** (Hervey Bay—ALP) (2.28 pm): I rise this afternoon to inform the House of a great outcome that has been achieved by one of my local school community P&Cs. When I was elected, one of the first schools that I visited was the Sandy Strait State School—a great primary school in the electorate of Hervey Bay. I was welcomed to the school by the then acting principal Mark Hansen and the P&C president Tarnya Townsend and her hardworking executive, as well as the school business support manager Tanya Brady. During that meeting, Tarnya and her executive showed me around the grounds and raised with me their hopes and aspirations for the school—a school that I was very familiar with as one of my sons went to the school during some of his primary school years, but that was a long time ago!

Tarnya and Tanya took me to see their senior school playground equipment—which was a little tired, to be truthful—and asked for my assistance in getting the matter raised with Minister Grace and her department to see whether a replacement playground could be achieved. True to her word, I can confirm that when attending regional cabinet in Hervey Bay recently the education minister asked her department to review the condition of the playground and its equipment.

It was with great pleasure last week that I had the opportunity to inform Tarnya and the P&C that, due to their persistent advocacy and after a review of the playground's condition, it will be replaced, with playground equipment scoping, design and planning underway with the P&C and school management. This is a great outcome for the Sandy Straits school community. I wish to acknowledge the tireless work of the P&C president Tarnya Townsend who, in her last year in the role of president before her children move on to Urangan State High School—which, by the way, is another great public school in Hervey Bay—

A government member interjected.

Mr TANTARI: It is a great school! She got her wish to achieve a replacement secondary school playground during her P&C tenure. This action once again shows the Palaszczuk government listens to our local regional communities and is achieving real and enduring outcomes for the Hervey Bay community. Building better community used facilities is a hallmark of the Palaszczuk government, and the action taken on this matter is a further example of how the Hervey Bay community—in particular, in this instance, the Hervey Bay school community—is getting wins on the board. This playground equipment will provide a better school experience for Sandy Strait State School senior students and will go a long way to making the school day much more enjoyable for them.

I again want to thank the Sandy Straits State School community. Thank you, Minister Grace, for listening to this need, and thank you to Tarnya for her advocacy, which will leave a lasting legacy for the wonderful students and school community at the Sandy Straits State School. This great win is another clear example of a community working together with its community leaders and representatives to achieve an outcome for all. Well done, and keep up the good work!