




Speech By
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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (3.00 pm): I am pleased that the education minister is in the House today because recently the Premier, the education minister and I, as well as the member for Jordan, were at a fantastic event. We were at the sod turning of a brand new primary school at Greenbank, right on the border of North Maclean, ready to serve those two communities. The plans are simply exceptional. It will serve the Everleigh community and others across Pub Lane. It is a fantastic site that will be an integral part of this growing community.

It was particularly exciting to meet with Cameron, who is a young plumbing apprentice, as part of the government's program to ensure that there are trainees and apprentices on site. He is getting the skills that he will take through life and that will provide him with a fantastic job. I look forward to this fantastic school. I look forward to the new school team who will start talking to students and planning a uniform—

Mr Stevens interjected.

Mr POWER: I hope to meet the principal soon. That will be fantastic.

Growing areas like this are well understood by ministers such as Minister Grace, who understands what growing areas need. The Premier too understands them, and that is why she is backing them in. We saw that when we built Yarrabilba State School, the Yarrabilba State Secondary College and the new critical thinking centre, which the minister also opened, at Park Ridge State High School. That fantastic centre will prepare our students in Park Ridge for the jobs of the future. We have new classrooms at Logan Village and new ones about to open at Logan Reserve. I hope the minister can come out for that opening as well. We also have a new admin building and classrooms at Park Ridge State School coming.

I want to continue to fight for a new site for a school to serve the growing area between Logan Reserve and the school at Park Ridge. It is an area that is growing really quickly. One would be thinking that is a lot of activity in that area. One would be thinking how many classrooms the LNP built during that time.

Ms Boyd: Zero.

Mr POWER: I have spoken about it before. The member for Pine Rivers already knows the answer. She gave it away. I wanted to build it up a bit more, but that is right. In this growing area they built zero new classrooms. That is because the LNP wants to cut, cut, cut and those cuts hurt those in growing areas the most. They cut, cut, cut and they built no new classrooms in the electorate of Logan because they do not understand what growing families need and they do not know what services growing families deserve. This education minister and this Premier understand what growing families need and deserve.