




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Greenbank, Primary School; Anzac Day

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.28 pm): The member for Southport would have so much more credibility if he spoke about public housing while acknowledging the cuts of the federal government, but of course we will not hear that from him. I recognise that the minister is here and that we did a fantastic project opening the new apartments at the Churches of Christ—a project that simply would not have happened if the LNP were in government.

I want to talk about another form of infrastructure investment. As many in this House know, I am a former teacher. Last year I joined the Premier, the Minister for Education and the member for Jordan to mark the start of construction on the fantastic \$73 million state primary school at Greenbank in the Everleigh Estate opposite Pub Lane. For those in the House who do not know, the Greenbank area, like many areas of Logan, is growing quickly with new housing, new families, and of course many young children. We are building them the best primary school to give their children the best start in life, with classrooms opening next year. This investment is creating 200 local construction jobs. The Premier said at the time—

Construction is absolutely vital to rebuilding our economy and creating jobs. That's why we're forging ahead with infrastructure projects that will provide good, honest, reliable jobs for locals.

Since we did that sod turning, the investment is going well ahead, despite the rain, with construction advancing. The building pad of the main building, which includes the administration, is complete with the lift base poured. Underground service conduits are in place and column work is commencing. The resource building pad is nearing completion, and they have put down crushed rock to ensure they can do all-weather construction. The hall site excavation is expected to be completed in the next couple of weeks and there are underground utilities going in.

We are committed to building the world's best school facilities. In this project alone, we have a whole lot of new classrooms. Some people might say that Logan is a growing area and that surely any government would be building these new classrooms, but unfortunately that is not true. In the three years the LNP were in government, they built no new classrooms in Logan. Their cuts hurt growing areas the most. The Leader of the Opposition approved the very budget that failed to build the new classrooms in Logan. If elected again, they would hurt Logan families.

I want to acknowledge the fact that because of the success of Queenslanders in fighting COVID we can go back to actually marking Anzac Day publicly. I invite everyone to come to the fantastic Greenbank Anzac Day. I might see the member for Algester there. It is a fantastic event, and it is huge. The community really gets together and it is deeply moving. Whether you are at Logan Village or spending a quiet moment at the Jimboomba shrine or at Greenbank, it will be great to be able to get together as a community to celebrate and mark Anzac Day.