



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.12 pm): After years of Labor failing to listen to our hardworking and dedicated teachers, I welcome the Labor Minister for Education's recent realisation that Queensland is in the midst of a teacher workforce recruitment and retention crisis. It should not have taken the Labor Minister for Education to travel to Canberra last week to 'hear some of the struggles and hear firsthand what we need to do going forward' to recognise Queensland's teacher workforce crisis, which has been growing under the Queensland state Labor government over the last five years. This is not a doomsday scenario or the prophesy of French astrologer and physician Nostradamus but the reported reality of educators right across the state of Queensland.

The National Teacher Workforce Action Plan that will be developed collaboratively by the Commonwealth and all states demands the full attention and proactive involvement of the Palaszczuk state Labor government. This is an opportunity that cannot be wasted if Queensland is to comprehensively address the stress and the myriad complex circumstances our teachers and school staff continue to face into the future. The minister must act decisively on this issue.

I also wish to take this opportunity to once again draw to the attention of the Minister for Education a number of ongoing school and educational infrastructure priorities that must be delivered by the Queensland state government for local schools in the electorate of Moggill. This includes at Pullenvale State School where, despite being advised of its successful Triple S program application by the Department of Education, the Palaszczuk Labor government has failed to deliver and release its share of funding to Pullenvale State School because of 'a delay due to budget reasons'. This funding is required in order to redevelop, to upgrade and to replace the existing outdoor prep learning precinct. On behalf of Pullenvale State School, I implore the Labor Minister for Education to ensure that the timely delivery of this vital funding is prioritised so this school can finally commence these works as soon as possible.

I wish to draw to the attention of the Labor Minister for Education the need for additional classroom block refurbishments at Mount Crosby State School along with the current state of the school playground, which requires excavation and earthworks to improve the safety and usability of this outdoor facility. In its current state it remains dangerous for both teachers and students. I note that Mount Crosby State School is also seeking to address car-parking issues via the Department of Transport and Main Roads' School Transport Infrastructure Program. Any assistance that can be provided by the minister and the department in order to progress a satisfactory resolution would be greatly appreciated.

I also again reiterate my support for Chapel Hill State School to receive the additional educational facilities and school infrastructure investment that this school community deserves from the Queensland government and the Department of Education. This is particularly important given anticipated changes to school catchments and projected school enrolment growth at Chapel Hill State School. There are also a number of school safety matters related to Brookfield Road and the OLR intersection. I encourage the government to rectify these as well.