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 **Mr TANTARI** (Hervey Bay—ALP) (3.21 pm): I take this opportunity to update the House on the progress of several projects being delivered by the Palaszczuk Labor government in the Hervey Bay electorate. Recently I was advised that two multipurpose school halls—one at Urangan State High School and the other at Urangan Point State School—have passed another of their major milestones, with tendered submissions going to contract in June-July 2023 for each of these respective works. With a combined value of around \$27 million, these works will commence shortly thereafter. The halls will be a timely addition to each of these schools and, once completed, will not only improve the quality of each school's facilities but give each of these local communities the ability to hold their various school events indoor, out of the elements that can be so harsh on students and teachers.

The knock-on benefits of these halls will also give the greater community access to a localised indoor venue for various community activities when the facility is not being used for schooling purposes. With the addition of the new multimillion dollar STEM and creative arts facilities at the Hervey Bay State High School and a number of other additional upgrades underway or complete at the Hervey Bay Special School, the Kawungan State School, the Pialba State School and support for infrastructure builds at the Fraser Coast Anglican and St James Lutheran colleges, let alone all our schools being air-conditioned well ahead of schedule, school facilities in Hervey Bay have and are being improved day by day by this Palaszczuk Labor government, with still more to come.

Further still, the impact of these contracts means a continuous pipeline of employment for our tradies, subbies and apprentices. This will bring more jobs and will further inject money into our local economy which is a great win for my community, driving jobs and building careers.

I want to thank the education minister, Minister Grace, for listening to the call from the Hervey Bay community and for being responsive to the need for these facilities to manage the growth in the Hervey Bay electorate post COVID. I am proud to be part of a Palaszczuk Labor government that is working hard to deliver for the students and teachers of my Hervey Bay community every day by improving stated owned and private school facilities so that we can ensure our local school students and their teachers have the most up-to-date schooling facilities to enhance school learning in our much loved Hervey Bay schools.

The contrast between this positive and forward-thinking Palaszczuk Labor government and the desire to drive forward our community's learning and training facilities and the blank sheet delivered by those opposite during their time in government and the former member could not be more stark. On behalf of the people of Hervey Bay, I want to thank the Palaszczuk Labor government for focusing on delivering for the people of Hervey Bay and helping to build a better Hervey Bay.