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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Mr TANTARI** (Hervey Bay—ALP) (2.27 pm): It is always a privilege to speak in the House about the great projects being delivered in my electorate of Hervey Bay by the Palaszczuk Labor government. Recently, I attended the turning of the first sod for the commencement of the new \$11.3 million multipurpose hall at the Urangan Point State School in Urangan. That project is part of the government's Great Schools, Great Future program. It will deliver an impressive new multipurpose hall that will include a sports court, a multipurpose room and storage, an office and other associated amenities including a new kiosk and a car parking area.

While to some members it may seem a little over-the-top to talk in this chamber in such glowing terms about a hall, for the Urangan Point school community the commencement of the hall is an acknowledgement of the hard work done by all those who made it happen. I congratulate the P&C committee, parents, teachers, school leaders and the great school community and acknowledge their advocacy to get the hall underway. The Urangan Point State School is one of the oldest schools in the city of Hervey Bay. This new addition will enable greater participation in a range of current and additional sport and creative-art activities including music and drama. Most of all, it will provide a covered space that is large enough to enable full campus assemblies.

Anybody who knows Hervey Bay knows that it gets quite hot in the warmer months. Having a fully covered area to hold school assemblies and meetings will be a godsend for the greater school community. The multipurpose hall will also be available for use during non-school times. This will make it a great community asset in this particular area of Urangan and Hervey Bay. Whilst I was at the sod turning it was great to speak with the P&C president, Renee Rich, and the principal, Matt Winter, who were ecstatic that the multipurpose hall was underway. I look forward to seeing this all come to fruition and being completed around the second term of next year.

I am also able to inform the House that during the winter recess I was excited, along with the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, to make another great announcement for my local community. Together we announced that a new multistorey car park will be built at the Hervey Bay Hospital in addition to the expansions already taking place at the hospital. When built, this \$60 million multistorey car park will bring increased capacity, nearly doubling the current capacity available at the hospital. My community is totally rapt about it. Before I was elected I was often approached by many people in Hervey Bay who asked me if I could do something regarding the limited capacity of car parking at the Hervey Bay Hospital. I am pleased to say to the people of Hervey Bay that they have been heard by the Palaszczuk government and that more parking is being delivered. I want to thank the Palaszczuk government for listening to my community and for delivering this much needed hospital infrastructure along with the \$40 million hospital expansion and the nearly completed \$38 million mental health unit. There are no better examples of how the Palaszczuk Labor government is putting and has always put patients' needs first.