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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (6.53 pm): I want to update the House on the new primary school which, as many of you know, is halfway between the existing Park Ridge primary school and Logan Reserve school on Park Ridge Road. On Thursday last week—and this will be very interesting to the member for Mermaid Beach—I visited with FK Gardner & Sons, who were in the midst of constructing the new prep to grade 6 school. It is uniquely going to be a school with FamilyLinQ, a new connection of education, health and community services. It is a model for the Park Ridge and Logan Reserve community. I saw plans for the signalised intersection and road improvements. It is going to include a long day care and kindergarten, so for many families in the quickly growing Park Ridge and Logan Reserve area it will be a one-stop drop-off. The landscaped terrace overlooks the new sporting fields, and the basketball courts had been painted the week before. The school is formed around a central street, with outdoor multipurpose areas and a hall. I am looking forward to the new principal being appointed very soon. Parents will be able to start the enrolment process, so there will be lots of excited new grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 students in January 2025. I would also tell any local teachers in the area that this is an exciting opportunity to start in a brand new, fantastic school and to get local jobs.

Even though it was a wet day, there was a large number of workers at the site on Thursday. I note that the education minister, who is a huge supporter of this, is here for this speech because she will be very keen to see it open in January 2025. In this quickly growing area, this adds to the new classrooms we have done at Logan Reserve school and the new admin and classrooms we have done at Park Ridge State School. Because this is such a quickly growing area, we have also secured a site for a high school and special school, which is going to be a fantastic addition. I know that parents have contacted me who want special education facilities. They have said they want it more locally, because otherwise they have to go into Wembley Road or Calamvale, and this is an essential part of it. We fought for these things and now we are delivering. You would assume that under the three years of the LNP government and their forward planning there would be schools built, but we know there were none. That is why I want to keep fighting for the people of Logan, because I know they deserve the schools and services their children really need.