



Speech By
Hon. Dale Last

MEMBER FOR BURDEKIN

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 **Hon. DR LAST** (Burdekin—LNP) (Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development) (2.30 pm): Since being elected, the Crisafulli government has worked to secure the future of Griffith University's Mount Gravatt campus. This is in contrast to the former Labor government, including the member for Mansfield, that was made aware of Griffith University's intention to vacate the site as early as 2021. What did they do? They did absolutely nothing. Those opposite left the students, parents and teachers of Yarranlea Primary School in limbo. Instead of addressing the issue when they could, they kicked the problem down the road and have spent the past few months spreading fear in the school community and using their time in this chamber and on social media to share innuendo and misleading insinuations.

Mr J Kelly interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, you are coming to my attention again.

Mr LAST: This morning, I was proud to meet with staff, students and the parents and friends committee at Yarranlea to deliver the news that Labor never delivered. The Crisafulli government is stepping in and giving security to those families by securing the long-term future of the Yarranlea Primary School and nearby community and sporting facilities. We are backing the families at Yarranlea.

Ms McMillan interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Mansfield, I cautioned you earlier. You are warned.

Mr LAST: Today, we have issued an expression of interest for a new occupant of the site, under strict conditions that Yarranlea Primary School and the community and sporting facilities remain operational. Importantly, the deal will also protect neighbouring high-value bushland areas for future generations.

In September last year the member for Toohey made a bizarre statement in this chamber. He told the chamber—

The former Miles Labor government stood firmly with Yarranlea.

Since 2021, the Yarranlea school community has lived with the uncertainty of not knowing whether their children could continue learning in the environment they love. The member for Toohey, like the member for Mansfield, knew about Griffith University's plans since 2021 yet they failed to come up with a plan during the dying days of Labor's decade of decline.

I will take this opportunity to quote from a letter from Donna-Maree, the President of the Yarranlea Primary School Parents and Friends Committee, who I met with this morning. I table a copy of that letter.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 11 February 2026, from the President, P&F Committee, Yarranlea Primary School, Ms Donna-Maree Ware, to the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development, Hon. Dale Last, regarding the school's future [162](#).

Donna-Maree told me—

For several years, our community lived with uncertainty ... parents worked tirelessly to secure long-term tenure, giving nights and weekends to working bees, BBQs and community events to sustain the school.

That was the impact of the uncertainty left by the former Labor government. The 60 students at Yarranlea Primary School were not a priority for those opposite, neither were the teachers, the parents and the volunteers at the heart of the Yarranlea school community. They are a priority on our side of the House. As Donna-Maree told me this morning—

Your support provides certainty for families and allows our community to plan confidently for the years ahead. Your commitment has made a lasting and meaningful difference to our children and our community.

We have said from the start that the school and the community—

Mr J Kelly interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Greenslopes, you are on the list. You are warned.

Mr LAST:—are here to stay. The Crisafulli government knows how much this school means to those families and how important the sporting infrastructure is for the Mount Gravatt community.

Mr Power interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Logan, you are warned.

Mr LAST: Unlike those opposite, the Crisafulli government is delivering a plan for Queensland's future with the right solution for the site's future and the continued operation of Yarranlea Primary School.