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**ADJOURNMENT**

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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (9.00 pm): I want to update the House on a fantastic achievement at the Everleigh development in Greenbank, and that is the winning of the Ken Gannon award by the Greenbank Giants and Chris Luxford for their fantastic AFL football field. It is a real honour to see something that both myself and the Giants and their predecessor club have been working on for over 12 years. We now have a world-class AFL facility. It is something that everyone across the country will be impressed with. It is the finest AFL field in Logan and we are building a similarly fine one in Yarrabilba. It is a great achievement for Yarrabilba.

On a more disturbing note, I want to update this House on something that is really important for the Everleigh community: the high school that the LNP is failing to deliver. As members would know, we said we would start a petition. The community is behind this 100 per cent, with hundreds of people filling in the petition to get a high school. The first step is to buy land. It has already been planned by the department and set aside directly across from the current Everleigh State School that we built. Unfortunately, the minister—and I am glad he is here today—said it was not his priority to do this. He said there were not enough numbers so they would not be acting on it.

He needs to come out to see how quickly Everleigh and the surrounding areas are growing and how much pressure that is going to put on surrounding high schools. He also needs to know that for a single drop-off we have a use-it-or-lose-it opportunity to buy that site. If this department fails the people of Greenbank, especially the people of Everleigh, it will be a legacy that will stick with this education minister for a long time to come. I urge the minister to listen to the Greenbank community on both sides of the railway tracks, where the member for Jordan, Charis Mullen, and myself are fighting really hard. We are pushing every day. Our Greenbank community deserves its own high school. For too long they have had to either travel south to Flagstone or north to Park Ridge. They are growing so quickly. This is the fastest growing corridor in the entire area. They deserve their high school. The only thing standing between them is the failure of the LNP government to go ahead with the purchase that was planned.