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ADJOURNMENT

Glenala State High School; Glenala Netball Academy

 **Mrs NIGHTINGALE** (Inala—ALP) (9.40 pm): When the former Labor government's Go for Gold category 3 funding was announced in mid-2024, our community celebrated. Glenala State High School was one of the schools selected, recognised for its commitment to sport and student development. The high school is highly regarded and their netball excellence program produces outstanding athletes. I want to thank the principal, Michelle Snell, and the great teachers and coaches who support the talented students. The Glenala Netball Academy is a key part of how the school drives sporting excellence and keeps young people engaged, active and supported.

Over the past few weeks, I had the privilege of attending awards nights and several primary school graduations. I met students who have already been selected for next year's netball excellence program. Those students train hard and show talent and discipline. They were genuinely excited to start high school with brand new facilities ready for them. The students were promised a multisport facility and new covered courts—infrastructure funded by Labor that was meant to be completed by December this year. It was meant to be the home of the Netball Academy. Instead, those students and their families are facing delays with no clear sense of when the project will be finished. What should have been ready for the class of 2025 will now likely be delayed well into 2026 and may be ready for the class of 2027.

Students talked to me about their dream of seeing netball at the 2032 Olympics and about their plans to get there. However, well-laid plans will not help them get to the Olympics when the government has not even laid the court. The former Labor government provided funding but the LNP has failed to provide the follow-through. The whole purpose of the Go for Gold program is to get Queensland kids ready for 2032, to give them access to facilities to build confidence, skills and opportunity. Instead, we have a government delivering delays. This pattern is becoming all too familiar. It is a government that continues to misplace priorities. It is like the deputy leader, who is more interested in chasing the camera than helping children chase their dreams.

To the students I met at awards nights and graduations: I saw your excitement and I saw your talent. You were meant to be training on new courts next year, building skills, building confidence and building towards the future you want. You deserve better than being told to warm up for years while the government looks for its whistle. As the member for Inala, I will keep pushing for transparency, firm timelines and the delivery of every dollar promised. Our young people are ready, even if this government is not. It must make sure that this funding is delivered. Our children deserve it.