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 **Mr RUSSO** (Toohey—ALP) (2.49 pm): This afternoon I rise to speak on a number of issues of urgent concern—issues that strike at the heart of community life in Toohey and our neighbouring electorates. The first issue is the Mount Gravatt campus and the second issue is in relation to media reports that pill testing will be outlawed by amendments proposed to be moved tonight. The first issue is in relation to the Griffith University Mount Gravatt campus—that is, the uncertainty and the increasingly perilous future of the Griffith University Mount Gravatt campus, home to Yarranlea Primary School, Sunnybank Little Athletics and the much loved aquatic and sporting facilities in that precinct.

In 2024, worried parents from Yarranlea Primary School contacted our office. They were desperate to know what would happen to their children's school once Griffith University handed the campus back to the government. Yarranlea Primary School has a lease until 2034, but leases are only as good as the government willing to uphold them. The former Miles Labor government stood firmly with Yarranlea. We approached the then deputy premier to secure a written guarantee—a guarantee that, if Labor was elected, we would protect Yarranlea's right to stay until 2034, work with the school on long-term tenure and give it a real voice in shaping the site's future. This is what leadership looks like, but what have we seen since? Parents and students and staff have been left twisting in the wind. Sunnybank Little Athletics—a proud and vibrant community organisation—told me that it had finally found a home at the Mount Gravatt campus, only to discover its contract will only be until 31 December. Again, there is no certainty and no leadership.

Going to the second issue in relation to media reports, it is sad that we will not get the opportunity to see these amendments. It would be good if we could see these amendments and they could be distributed in the House. Is the Minister for Health just going to drop them under the cover of darkness tonight and not enable anyone to review them or speak to them? If so, this is not transparency.