



Speech By
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Consideration in Detail (Cognate Debate)

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Education, Arts and Communities Committee

 **Mrs YOUNG** (Redlands—LNP) (4.46 pm): I was able to sub in on this committee, and I want to thank the committee for having me. I thank everybody for the work that was done. It was my first committee experience and I am very grateful for it. As a mum raising my kids in Redlands and as the local member, I know how much parents care about the quality of our schools. They want their children to be safe and supported and given the opportunity to succeed. I rise to contribute to the Appropriation Bill 2025 reporting on the estimates hearings of the Education, Arts and Communities Committee.

When the Crisafulli government came to office, we inherited an education system under real strain. The comprehensive review of infrastructure renewal revealed a \$441 million backlog of maintenance, with one-third of school assets at the end of life. That was the former government's legacy. This government is fixing the mess, delivering a record \$22.4 billion investment in education.

During estimates, I asked the minister to outline the specific commitments for Redlands in this year's budget. His response confirmed that more than \$7.6 million will be invested in 2025-26 for building and maintaining the education infrastructure across my electorate. It is quite a big list, but I want to state it again for the people in Redlands: \$348,000 to refurbish the tuckshop at Redland Bay State School; \$880,000 for rectification to the school's resource centre that was damaged during TC Alfred; \$100,000 for external painting to blocks J and F; \$160,000 for a playground upgrade at Macleay Island State School; \$250,000 each for two roof replacements at Victoria Point State School; and \$130,000 for new fencing at the Redland District Special School as part of a much larger transformative project to meet the growth in enrolments at that school.

This budget delivers 12 new learning spaces at the Redland District Special School, which is growing rapidly, with enrolments expected to rise from 233 in 2025 to around 284 by 2028. They will also receive a new admin and staff building, a basement car park, a safe drop-and-go zone, a relocated sports precinct, a lift for accessibility, modern amenities and the removal of aging buildings. At Scenic Shores State School, funding for stage 2 has been secured through the \$814.8 million statewide commitment for new schools. Scenic Shores opened in 2024 with 101 enrolments and has already grown to 222 in 2025, with capacity to reach 636 students.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): The time for the debate on this estimates report has expired.