




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (Minister for Customer Services and Open Data and Minister for Small and Family Business) (9.09 pm): I am honoured to stand here tonight and share how we are delivering real outcomes for my community in Chatsworth. I am particularly focused on advancing our government's vision to give all children the best start and invest in our local school communities. I am delivering on my election commitments to key local schools, including Belmont State School, Carina State School which is my old alumni, Gumdale State School and Mayfield State School. Of the five education infrastructure election commitments relating to schools in the Chatsworth electorate, four have been delivered and work is well underway on the remaining commitment.

In particular, Mayfield State School has benefited from a \$550,000 investment in the Mayfield activity covered court area, known as the MACCA Centre. I am delighted to share that the MACCA Centre's new acoustic wall is now complete. Featuring artwork that represents the school's sporting houses, this addition not only enhances the space visually but also significantly improves noise management, creating a more comfortable and functional environment for students, staff and the wider community.

Additionally, I have delivered a \$10 million investment towards the construction of a new block at Belmont State School. After having the opportunity to meet the principal to review the draft concept for a new building that will include four modern classrooms, it is exciting to see an overpass to the adjacent building. This project will retain the existing A block whilst introducing a centrally located classroom facility. This will improve accessibility and convenience for both students and staff. Further, an additional \$40,000 has been delivered for facility upgrades, ensuring improved infrastructure and creating a positive and supportive learning environment for our future generations.

As a former student of Carina State School, it is incredibly meaningful to now stand here as a minister and deliver some facility upgrades, including the installation of an automated gate to ensure safety for students and staff. In addition, Gumdale State School has received \$661,000 to upgrade its facilities, delivering four modular classrooms. This significant investment provides fully accessible, multipurpose learning spaces and a Grow Well Hub that benefits students, staff and the Gumdale community. In addition to school enhancements, I am also delivering for the Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee, known as B4C, which is a Landcare and environmental organisation. Their rehabilitation and weed control projects are well and truly underway.

The Queensland Koala Society is another vital organisation providing a 24/7 rescue service to protect one of Australia's most iconic species, the koala. To support this, I am working with Transport and Main Roads to deliver a fauna crossing on Old Cleveland Road. I will continue to consult with local stakeholders. After 14 years representing Chatsworth, it is my absolute joy to provide this House with an update.