

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1614**  
**Asked on 30 November 2023**

**MR L MILLAR** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND MINISTER FOR RACING (HON G GRACE)

QUESTION:

With reference to the apparent lack of any departmental action to address the ongoing impacts on neighbouring properties created by the construction work at Denison State School—

Will the Minister advise what plans the department has to resolve the issue for affected property owners?

ANSWER: [MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)]:

I thank the Member for the question.

On 18 December 2023, I was appointed as Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice and as such, I am now the responsible Minister to answer this Question.

The Queensland Government is committed to investing in state school infrastructure to improve learning outcomes while also maintaining harmonious interactions with local school communities, including neighbouring residences.

Denison State School was approved for funding of \$1.18 million (including GST) to deliver a car park upgrade, providing 45 new staff car parking spaces. Construction commenced on 20 March 2023 and the project was completed in late August 2023.

In response to concerns raised by residents of neighbouring properties, additional works were incorporated during delivery of the car park project. A new boundary fence was installed between Denison State School and a neighbouring residence and repairs were made to a section of boundary fence between the school and another neighbouring residence.

In addition, the Department of Education worked closely with the Central Highlands Regional Council to complete flood impact modelling and assessment for the car park project. Stormwater drainage modification works were then implemented, to mitigate potential flooding risks to adjoining properties.

Other projects recently completed at Denison State School include an \$825,000 (including GST) upgrade of the existing amenities, which was completed in September 2023; and a \$325,000 (including GST) project to deliver new equitable access amenities for persons with a disability, including paths and ramps, which was completed in July 2023.

The department is committed to strengthening relationships between schools and their local communities, and will continue to work closely with Denison State School to support the school with its ongoing infrastructure needs.