



Minister for Education and  
Minister for Industrial Relations

10 JAN 2018

1 William Street Brisbane 4000  
PO Box 15033 City East  
Queensland 4002 Australia  
Telephone +61 7 3719 7110  
Email: [education@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:education@ministerial.qld.gov.au)  
Email: [employmentIR@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:employmentIR@ministerial.qld.gov.au)

Mr Neil Laurie  
Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petitions 2786-17 and 2838-17 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 10 October 2017 and the interim response tabled on 9 November 2017 regarding an upgrade of sporting facilities at Cairns State High School.

The Department of Education is committed to providing high quality infrastructure in state schools across Queensland to improve learning outcomes, including through the provision of multi-purpose halls wherever possible.

I am pleased to inform you that during the 2017 election, the Palaszczuk Government committed to a \$235 million high school renewal and refurbishment program, which includes Cairns State High School.

I note the strong advocacy of the local school community for the needs of Cairns State High School, and I would like to assure the petitioners the school and local community will be central to planning the renewal and upgrade of the school's sporting facilities.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Kevin Mara, Assistant Director-General, Infrastructure Services, by email at [kevin.mara@det.qld.gov.au](mailto:kevin.mara@det.qld.gov.au) or on telephone 3034 4520.

In accordance with section 59A of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and Standing Order 31, I request that this document be tabled during the period that the Legislative Assembly is dissolved.

I would like to thank your petitioners for raising this matter and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grace Grace', enclosed within a large, loopy oval flourish.

**GRACE GRACE MP**  
**Minister for Education and**  
**Minister for Industrial Relations**