



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Cleveland State High School

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (9.53 pm): I rise to speak about the construction work involved with the Cleveland State High School hall. The news of Cleveland High getting its long-awaited hall is welcome. As the school's local member, I am happy to be able to deliver this \$6 million indoor sports auditorium for the school community of Cleveland High. The school staff and P&C and I have worked together on this high-priority project for many years, and I pay tribute to them as their persistence and patience have finally paid off. Under the LNP government Cleveland High was provided \$9 million to \$10 million to build the year 7 classrooms. This multimillion dollar project was the first priority for the school. We also built the \$3 million school hall at BayView State School.

The LNP government invested substantial education capital funding in the Cleveland electorate in our time, but it was apparent that the school also required a multipurpose hall. There was an expectation that whoever was in government during the following term—this parliament—hopefully could allocate funds for this much needed piece of infrastructure. To be clear and for the record, this has been a high-priority project since my election to office in March 2009. I have actively supported the school in its quest for a hall by way of lobbying successive education ministers, by speeches in the parliament, newsletters, phone calls, media releases, petitions, meetings and many school visits. The critical events that tipped the project over the line were the visit to Cleveland State High School of shadow education minister Tracy Davis earlier this year and prior to the announcement and the school e-petition co-sponsored by the school P&C and me.

I acknowledge the good work of the school's P&C representatives, Brad Ward and Lyndsay Byrne. I acknowledge the 2,383 people who signed the petition. There is little doubt that this massive injection of people power helped give the project the final push that it needed to get over the line. The project has been open for tender and construction will start soon.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Members, there is too much discussion. I am having difficulty hearing the member for Cleveland.

**Dr ROBINSON:** I am very keen to see local businesses and tradies involved in the construction and fitout of the hall as much as possible. I have written to the education minister strongly encouraging her department's backing in this regard. A substantial number of jobs and work will be created, and local contractors and tradies should have fair access. Sadly, the Minister for Education's lack of interest in the project extends to not even replying to my letter. The minister also misled the parliament, along with the member for Capalaba, when they falsely claimed that I did not consider the project was important. They quoted from a survey of major projects, which was feedback from the local community and not a stated view of mine. This was either a misunderstanding on behalf of those opposite or a deliberate misleading of the parliament. I call on the Minister for Education and the member for Capalaba to correct the record in the parliament this week and for the minister to reply to my letter and confirm that she will use local contractors.