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LNP commits \$115 million to Building our Future Schools

Member for Hinchinbrook, Andrew Cripps, has welcomed an announcement that an LNP Government will invest an additional \$115 million in Queensland's education future.

"An LNP Government will invest in Queensland families and their futures by building better school infrastructure for Queensland students with a \$115 million *Building our Future Schools Fund*" said Mr Cripps.

"Schools are the heart of local communities for our families but this tired, 20-year Labor government has failed to adequately provide the level of infrastructure required," he said.

The LNP is committed to ensuring our schools are properly resourced and our *Building our Future Schools Fund* will help achieve this.

Mr Cripps said the funding, for government and non-government schools, is an important step in addressing Labor's neglect and give our children a better start. An investment of \$115 million over four years will provide better infrastructure and better planning for schools in our communities with the fund building to \$40 million in annual capital funding.

"The *Building our Future Schools Fund* will be allocated on a 25/75 basis to government and non government schools and is over and above the LNP's commitment to properly fund a strong state school system," said Mr Cripps.

"The vast majority of state capital funding for schools goes to state schools. The LNP will continue this commitment and will grow it after we have returned the budget to surplus, while providing an affordable and fair contribution for the over 230,000 Queensland children who are educated outside the state school system," he said.

The LNP will also establish a *Queensland Schools Plan Commission* with the job of streamlining and coordinating the process for planning, establishing and expanding our schools. The *Queensland Schools Plan Commission* will also contribute to our Statutory Regional Planning process.

"This investment will have flow on effects for entire communities as much of this infrastructure, like multipurpose areas, could be used as community hubs which may be made available for services such as ancillary health and other specialist services."

Mr Cripps said the \$115 million *Building our Future Schools Fund* is part of the LNP's commitment to improving Queensland's schools.

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