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Cripps welcomes funding to 'Fix Our Schools'

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, has welcomed the Newman Government's commitment to provide a further \$100 million to revitalise Queensland state schools.

Mr Cripps said the *Fixing Our Schools Fund* would target Queensland schools with the biggest maintenance backlogs and was on top of the \$200 million committed in last year's budget.

"Last year the Newman Government announced that it would spend \$200 million to provide every state school in Queensland with funding to fix existing maintenance issues inherited from the previous Labor Government," said Mr Cripps.

"Thanks to that funding, schools in and servicing communities in the Hinchinbrook electorate received a total of \$2,922,000 to undertake a range of repair and maintenance projects".

"This second and additional round of funding will see schools in and servicing communities in the Hinchinbrook electorate receive an extra \$2,922,000 in funding to undertake further repair and maintenance projects"

Mr Cripps said he was proud the Newman Government had made a huge contribution to reduce the maintenance backlog in Queensland state schools in its first year in government.

"The Newman Government has also made it easier for schools to get the job done by untying maintenance funding from QBuild and opening it up to private and local providers," he said.

"Early figures suggest that schools are finding efficiencies of up to 20 per cent.

"This is just another example of the strides the Newman Government is taking in reducing red tape and making life easier for Queenslanders."

Mr Cripps said the previous Labor Government had left Queensland state schools with a \$292 million maintenance backlog that saw many schools fall into disrepair.

"Due to Labor's neglect and financial mismanagement, the facilities at some schools were not up to scratch" said Mr Cripps.

“Under the Newman Government, Queensland schools will once again be a safe and presentable place for students to learn, teachers to teach and communities to gather.

“The *Fixing Our Schools Fund* will ensure Queensland remains a great state with great schools well into the future.”

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