

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to the petition lodged on 25 March 2003 with the Queensland Legislative Assembly by Ms Dianne Reilly MP, Member for Mudgeeraba, on behalf of Ms Linda Reibelt concerning the petitioners' full support of the proposal to build a new school in Somerset Drive for the Bonogin/Reedy Creek families. I sincerely apologise for the delay in replying to you.

The Mudgeeraba community will play a key role in the decisions that will create the vision for the new state primary school at Somerset Drive.

Construction of the new school, for Preschool to Year 7 students, began on February 15 this year and is on schedule to be completed for opening next year.

I am encouraged by the level of interest members of the local community have shown in the development of the new school.

I am pleased to report that more than 100 people attended the first public meeting for the school, which was held in May.

Two working groups have already started collaborating on a school name and a design and colour for the school uniform.

A second public meeting has been set for June 21 to update community members on the progress of the new school and to hear presentations from the school naming and uniform committees.

The recently appointed principal, Mr Stephen Loggie has already played a major role in the development of the school and in Term 3 will conduct a number of informal meetings with prospective parents and interested community members to develop the school vision.

The information from these meetings will inform decision-making in areas including school governance, curriculum development, facility development and policy development.

I encourage the community to take part in these meetings to have their say in the running of the new school.

The new school is expected to cost an estimated \$16.5 million, which includes the purchase of the land.

Stage 1 of the new school will include two preschool rooms, a classroom block, a music centre, a visual arts centre, administration, information services, amenities and a covered area.

The new school will open for students in all year levels from the start of 2004.

Enrolments are projected to grow to about 1000 students by 2010.

I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and your continuing interest in education for the families of Bonogin/Reedy Creek.

Yours sincerely

**Anna Bligh MP**  
**Minister for Education**

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