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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Petition 2747-17 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 25 May 2017 regarding funding for a hall upgrade at Ferny Grove State High School.

The Palaszczuk Government 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.

Under the Department of Education and Training's Infrastructure Management Framework, proposals for new infrastructure investments are required to be developed by schools in conjunction with Regional Office staff, through the School Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SSIP). The SSIP is the Department's primary mechanism for identifying high priority infrastructure needs for individual schools. Other information such as Asset Life Cycle Assessments, enrolment growth analyses and nominations from regional infrastructure officers are also used to inform the Department's Infrastructure Investment Portfolio (IIP).

All infrastructure project nominations received by the Department are rigorously assessed and prioritised against other investments across the State.

These considerations are used to inform specific programs such as *Advancing Queensland Schools*, as well as for development of the Department's short, medium and long-term investment programs, subject to the funding approved through the State Budget process.


I encourage Ferny Grove State High School to work with their Regional Infrastructure Manager to finalise their SSIP. The advocacy of the petitioners for the needs of Ferny Grove State High School is appreciated and I would like to assure the petitioners that SSIP proposals, together with nominations from regional infrastructure officers, will inform the IIP.

I also encourage to apply for funding through the Smart Schools Subsidy (SSS) Scheme. The SSS Scheme is offered annually to all Queensland state schools and campuses to provide subsidy assistance for school-managed infrastructure projects that enhance learning outcomes for students and the wider community.

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

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

Yours sincerely



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