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Local and Proud

MAJOR FUNDING BOOST FOR BERRINBA EAST STATE SCHOOL



Picture: Craig Emerson and Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard make the announcement of funding at a local school.

BOOST TO LITERACY & NUMERACY

A good education means a good start to life — that's why the Rudd Government is committed to making sure our children have access to the best opportunities.

I'm really proud that since the Rudd Government was elected just over two years ago, our schools have received more money than they did in the entire time the previous Liberal Government was in office.

We are not just talking about a better future for our kids — we are providing the facilities they need for the best possible education.

Along with 20 other local schools, Berrinba East State School will receive an extra funding boost under the Rudd Government's Smarter Schools Program to improve numeracy and literacy.

The Rudd Government's quick action in the face of the Global Financial Crisis has meant that many promised improvements to our local schools are well underway or have now been finalised.

These projects have created employment, supported local small businesses and most importantly benefitted the students and teachers at Berrinba East State School.

Commonwealth funding to Berrinba East State School includes:

- \$1.7 million to build a new resource centre
- \$1.3 million to build a new multipurpose hall
- \$200,000 under the National School Pride Program to refurbish your children's classrooms
- \$60,000 to continue the School Chaplaincy Program

As your local Member of Parliament I will continue to make sure schools in Logan City get their fair share of the Rudd Government's nation-building infrastructure projects.

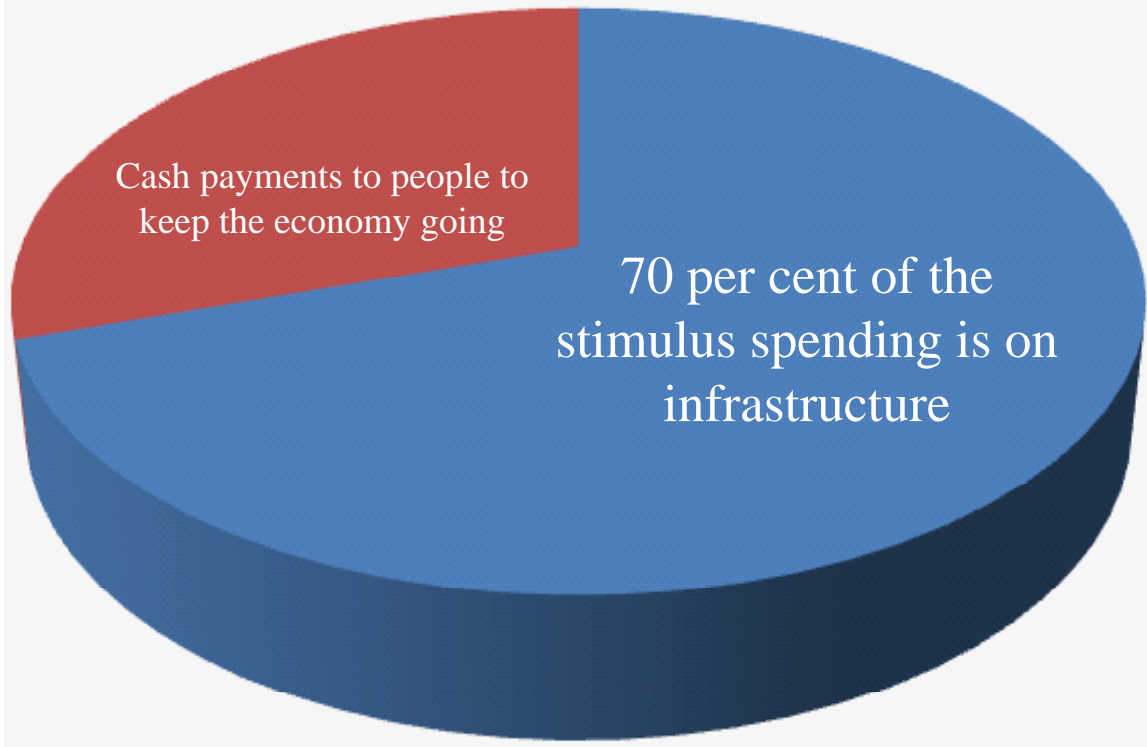


Picture: The new resource centre and multipurpose hall at Berrinba East.

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THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE



You've probably heard about the Economic Stimulus Package which kept Australia safe from the worst of the global recession.

But did you know that most of the money is being spent on school buildings to ensure our kids have access to the best facilities?

This spending is not just an investment in the future of our kids — it is putting money into the pockets of our tradies and small businesspeople to keep the economy bubbling along.

Seventy per cent of the money in the Economic Stimulus Package is being spent on infrastructure — that is, on vital school buildings and other community resources.

That means we will have better, stronger communities after the world economy recovers.

In our area, more than \$107 million is being spent to improve our schools and provide other new buildings.

Every primary school has received up to \$3 million to build a new hall or other much-needed facilities.

And there are three new trade training centres costing almost \$6 million to make sure the next generation of tradies is on the way.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

From 1 July 2010 you can claim the Education Tax Refund for eligible education spending from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.

This means you could get 50% back on a range of primary and secondary school education expenses.

Remember to keep your receipts. They will help you calculate your refund and you may be required to show them as proof of purchase. You can claim:

- Up to \$780 for each primary school child — giving you up to \$390 for each primary school child you have, and
- Up to \$1,558 for each secondary school child — giving you up to \$779 for each secondary school child.

