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Local and Proud



## MAJOR FUNDING BOOST FOR KINGSTON STATE SCHOOL



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

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.

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

Don't forget to keep your receipts for the Rudd Government's Education Tax Refund!

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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 Kingston State School.

Commonwealth funding to Kingston State School includes:

- \$3 million to build a new school library and improve the existing school hall
- \$200,000 under National School Pride Program to refurbish the resource centre and carry out classroom upgrades.
- \$60,000 to continue the School Chaplaincy Program

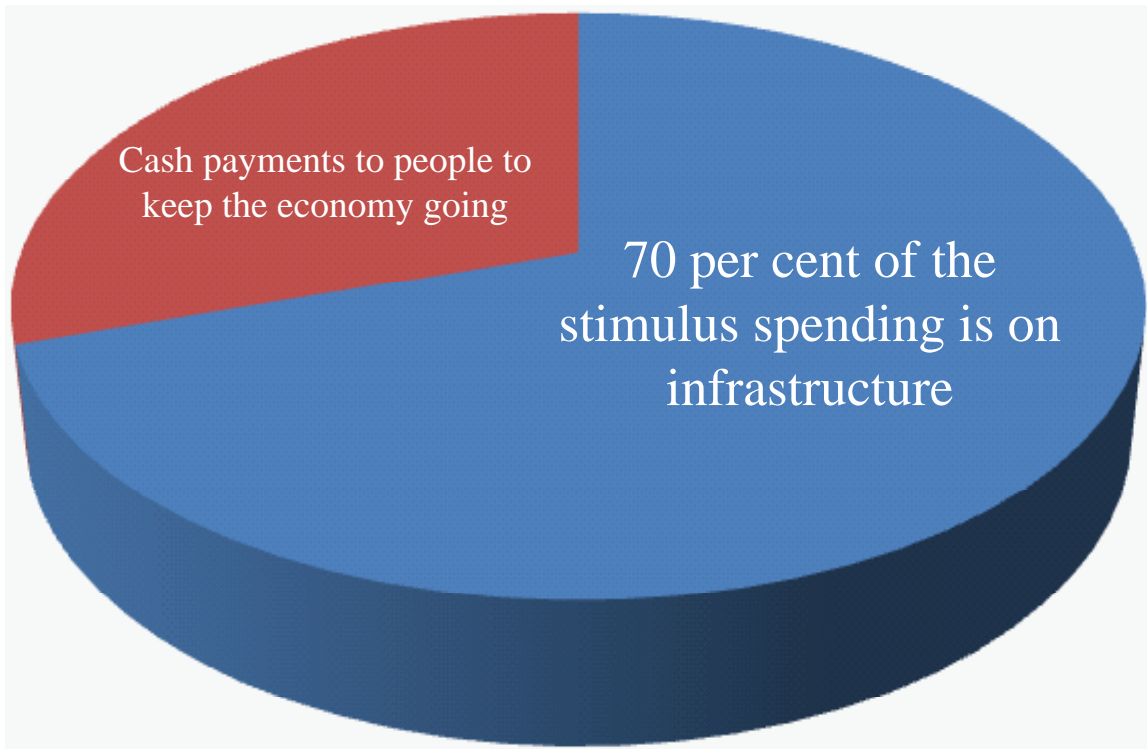
As your local Member of Parliament I will continue to make sure schools in Logan City get their fair share of the Rudd Government's nation-building infrastructure projects.



Picture: Funding has assisted in local job creation while providing new facilities that are much-needed by Kingston's students.

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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 financial crisis.

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.

When other work dried up as people cut their spending, the Economic Stimulus Package made sure the economy kept moving.

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 - which 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.

On the home front, more than 700 residents took up the offer of the Rudd Government's rebate to install solar hot water systems, and 13,000 local homes have been insulated under another rebate program.

That's not just good for the economy, and the environment, but it's good for our residents who have more comfortable homes which are cheaper to run.

By making sure the money is spent where it will give the most benefit, we will have great new facilities long after the financial crisis is over.

