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### NSW needs more schools

By 2036, it is estimated there will be one million students enrolled in NSW public schools. This is an increase of 200,000 students compared to today.<sup>1</sup>

Accommodating this growth requires the construction of new schools.

Unfortunately, the Liberals and Nationals are squandering precious resources which could be used to build new schools:

- The Liberals and Nationals promised to build one new school in Parramatta for \$100 million, however the final cost blew out to \$325 million;<sup>2</sup> and
- The Liberals and Nationals are spending \$2.2 billion demolishing and rebuilding stadiums.

**Public education at breaking point with chronic overcrowding in Sydney's schools**  
 9 News  
 6 June 2018

**Hunter schools top NSW for overcrowding**  
 Newcastle Herald  
 8 May 2017

**NSW education budget doesn't do enough for overcrowding in north shore schools, local groups says**  
 Willoughby state Liberal MP Gladys Berejiklian has been forced to defend funding allocated to overcrowded north shore schools, especially in Willoughby, in her first NSW Budget.  
 North Shore Times  
 25 June 2015

**School overcrowding must be addressed sooner rather than later**  
 Sydney Morning Herald  
 10 February 2018

<sup>1</sup> State Infrastructure Strategy 2018-2038, Infrastructure NSW, February 2018, p. 190  
<sup>2</sup> You are locked in once you've built it': minister rejects high-rise Sydney schools, Sydney Morning Herald, 19 January 2019; Arthur Phillip High School high-rise 'nightmare' for students, Parramatta Advertiser, 22 January 2019



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### Labor will build modern education precincts

Michael Daley and Labor will build more than 50 new schools.

All new primary schools built by Labor will be multi-purpose education precincts.

Labor's multi-purpose education precincts will include one or more of the following:

- A preschool;
- A long day care centre; and/or
- Out-of-school-hours care facilities.

Labor will consult local communities to determine the appropriate mix of services for each precinct.

By integrating these additional services with schools, Labor will:

- Save parents' time by reducing "double drop-offs"; and
- Support working parents by increasing the availability of early learning and before-and-after-school care services.

### Labor will support new non-government schools

Michael Daley and Labor will support the construction of new non-government schools by exempting these schools from developer levies.

Currently, non-government schools may be required to pay a levy under s. 7.11 (formerly s. 94) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (NSW).

Ordinarily, these levies are imposed on commercial developers to fund the construction of new community infrastructure.

Labor believes imposing these levies on non-government schools is unwarranted, because schools are community infrastructure.

Labor's commitment to exempt non-government schools from these levies will support the construction of more non-government schools for growing communities – providing parents with more choices for their child's education.

**Labor can afford to deliver 50 new schools because we will not proceed with the Liberals and Nationals' \$2.2 billion splurge on stadiums.**