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## Water solution hosed off for Valkyrie

Member for Burdekin Dale Last has demanded to know why a system used to capture water in third world countries has been ignored as a solution for Valkyrie State School's water woes.

The hydropanel system which uses solar technology to extract water from the air has been used as a source of water for third world countries and is already installed in two schools less than 500km away from Valkyrie State School.

Member for Burdekin Dale Last said the system had the potential to offer clean water for a school that was in a partially drought declared area, while providing an educational aspect for their students.

"The Education Minister has known about this issue for months and passed up the opportunity last week to show the students and community of the Valkyrie State School that they were at least worthy of a reliable solution that has already proven itself useful in third world countries."

"It's all well and good to install rainwater tanks at the school but as we have seen previously they aren't reliable in times of prolonged drought."

Mr Last said after hearing about the hydropanel system already proving to be a reliable renewable source of water in other Queensland state schools he wrote to the Education Minister requesting the option be considered for Valkyrie State School.

"About 300km down the road are two state schools that are already benefitting from the hydropanel system, yet the Education Minister seems to have turned a blind eye to Valkyrie State School."

"It's dumbfounding that when a system has seemingly already been approved by the education department and could provide a more reliable source of water in times of drought, that it has not already been considered for Valkyrie State School"

"It makes you question what message the state government is now sending to the school. Their refusal to consider the hydro panel system has confirmed that the Valkyrie State School community is not even worthy of technology used in third world countries and that's a disgrace."

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