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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Budget sends Burdekin to the back row of the classroom**

The Burdekin was pushed to the back row of the classroom when it came to this week's state Budget, according to Member for Burdekin Dale Last.

Failing to commit any funding to the upgrade of the facilities at Ayr Rugby Park and a commitment of less than 10 per cent of the funding needed to bring about Ayr State High School's new multipurpose hall, Mr Last said that the Labor state government had demonstrated living up to their Burdekin election promises was not a priority.

"These are two election promises that were long awaited and much needed in this community and this week, we were offered the leftover crumbs or nothing in the 2021/2022 budget," Mr Last said.

"The Treasurer talked about the importance of our children and how they will play a key role in our economy's recovery, but when it came to actual commitments for students at Ayr State High School, he failed miserably."

"Both the Ayr State High School and the hundreds of junior and senior players who step out on to the fields of Ayr's Rugby Park each week deserve to know that when it comes to promises, they will be delivered. That is simply not happening."

Mr Last said with only 5.6 per cent of the funding needed for the Ayr State High School's multipurpose hall committed in the 21/22 budget, this year's grade 9 students would be lucky to see the facility completed.

"These students deserve to experience a state-of-the-art multipurpose hall, just like students in the south east, but at this rate students from grade 10 and up will definitely miss that chance and students in grade 9 will be lucky if they are able to experience the facility in their senior year."

"That's not good enough."

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