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Senator Catryna Bilyk opens new library at Geeveston District High School

Senator Catryna Bilyk today officially opened the new library at Geeveston District High School built as part of the Australian Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER).

Geeveston District High School received \$975,000 under the National School Pride (NSP) program and Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) element of the BER.

The BER is a key element of the Australian Government's \$42 billion Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan to support jobs, stimulate local economies and invest in important infrastructure for the long term.

Senator Bilyk congratulated Geeveston District High School on their new facilities and spoke of the benefit to both the school and local community.

'The new library, IT lab and general purpose classroom have provided modern new learning areas for children to learn in with new interactive learning technologies. The school is also providing access to the classroom for local organizations, providing a benefit to the wider Geeveston community,' Senator Bilyk said.

'It has been fantastic to see the principal, school staff, students, parents and tradespeople working together to deliver these important projects. Now that they are completed, teachers and students in our local schools will be teaching and learning in 21st Century facilities that they so richly deserve.'

The \$1.28 billion National School Pride (NSP) program is providing funding to more than 9400 eligible schools in every state and territory for minor infrastructure and refurbishment.

The \$14.1 billion Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21) element is providing funding to over 7900 eligible primary schools in every state and territory for major new infrastructure.

'It is tremendous to be here today to celebrate the opening of the new library and to witness first hand, the impact this has had on Geeveston District High School and the local community.

'I am also delighted that this particular project has supported the employment of a number of workers. This is the essence of the Economic Stimulus Plan,' Senator Bilyk said.

Further information about this project and all schools funded under the BER is available at www.buildingtheeducationrevolution.gov.au or at: www.economicstimulusplan.gov.au.

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