$88.3 MILLION BOOST FOR SCHOOLS IN COUNTRY VICTORIA

The Brumby Labor Government is taking action to rebuild schools across regional and rural Victoria with an investment of $88.3 million in the 2009-10 Budget that will deliver jobs now and support country Victorian families through tough global times.

The Treasurer John Lenders said the 2009 State Budget would continue delivering on the Brumby Labor Government’s plan to rebuild, renovate and extend every school to create a world-class education system for Victorian families no matter where they live.

“Good schools are crucial to the liveability of our regions and the Brumby Labor Government is taking action to ensure our children and young people are given the best start to life and a high quality education,” Mr Lenders said.

“Our Government has invested over $870 million in regional and rural schools since 1999 and this new investment is a win-win for Victorian families in tough times – it stimulates the economy and jobs now and builds better schools for the future.

“We are delivering record capital funding to schools to ensure all Victorian children are educated in the best school environments – this is about providing families in country communities with great schools for their children and creating construction jobs in local communities during tough economic times.”

Mr Lenders said schools in regional and rural Victoria to be rebuilt, renovated or modernised included:

**Better Schools Today**
Amphitheatre Primary School; Apsley Primary School; Ararat North Primary School; Bendigo Primary School; Bethanga Primary School; Beulah Primary School; Bridgewater Primary School; Buangor Primary School; Chiltern Primary School; Cobram Special Developmental School; Coleraine Primary School; Congupna Primary School; Dartmoor Primary School; Dookie Primary School; Goongerah Primary School; Gordon Primary School; Goroke P-12 College; Harrietville Primary School; Kaliana Special School; Lake Bolac College; Lake Charm Primary School; Langley Primary School; Lardner and District Primary School; Leitchville Primary School; Little Bendigo Primary School; Macarthur Primary School; Macarthur Street Primary School; Manangatang P-12 College; Maroona Primary School; Merrigum Primary School; Merrijig Primary School; Minyip Primary School; Mount Macedon Primary School; Murrayville Community College; Navarre Primary School; Pentland Primary School; Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School; Rupanyup Primary School; Strathmerton Primary School; Swan Hill Specialist School; Tallangatta Valley Primary School; Waubra Primary School; Welton Primary School; Willaura Primary School

**Schools Modernisation**
Gisborne Secondary College and Trafalgar High School.

**Regeneration**
Bendigo Education Plan; Leongatha Precinct; Wangaratta Regeneration and Wodonga Regeneration.

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Secure the Future of Small Rural Schools
Avenel Primary School; Barnawartha Primary School; Carraragarmungee Primary School; Dunolly Primary School; Glenrowan Primary School; Grasmere Primary School; Inverloch Primary School; Katunga Primary School; Lake Boga Primary School; Malmsbury Primary School; Miners Rest Primary School; Murchison Primary School; Pyalong Primary School; Rokewood Primary School; St Leonards Primary School; Teesdale Primary School; Toolamba Primary School and Wahgunyah Primary School.