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Draper Secures Government Guarantee That Hall Will Be Built.

On April 30th this year, Member for Tamworth Peter Draper spoke in Parliament on a Notice of Motion calling on the Minister for Education and Training to advise when work would commence on the Gunnedah South Primary School hall.

Yesterday, Mr Draper secured a commitment from the NSW Government that the long awaited hall for Gunnedah South Public School will be started and completed during the current term of this Parliament.

Describing the announcement as a victory for the persistence and dedication of the Gunnedah school community to the project, Mr Draper has vowed to keep the pressure on the Government to confirm the date that construction will commence.

“The school community has made significant progress with confirmation that the Government will not only start construction on the hall, canteen and covered learning area, but will complete the project in this term of government,” Mr Draper said.

“The announcement of the \$1.7 million project is great news for the community in general, but what has appeared to be good news has been delivered in the past. I welcome the announcement, and will now be actively seeking a date for construction to begin.”

The project when completed will include a state of the art school hall, a covered outdoor learning centre and a new canteen.

Mr Drapers motion accomplished a rare feat in Parliament, uniting members of the Labor Party, the Coalition and other cross bench members in support for Gunnedah South school.

“The children of Gunnedah South have been disadvantaged far too long, and I thank the Minister, and those Parliamentary Members who contributed to the debate for recognising the need for these facilities,” Mr draper said.

“I look forward to assisting the Minister when he comes to Gunnedah to officially commence the construction process for the hall.”

A copy of Hansard detailing Mr Draper’s speech and the Governments commitment follows. **END RELEASE**

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