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School communities driving educational change

Tasmanian school communities are exploring opportunities to work more closely with other schools, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Heather Butler, said today.

Ms Butler reiterated the Premier's reassurances that there would be no forced school mergers.

"The Premier has made it clear that there will be no forced school mergers and that such discussions must be community driven," Ms Butler said.

Ms Butler said that the Building the Education Revolution (BER) initiative was the greatest school modernisation program in Tasmanian history.

"The \$370 million from the Rudd stimulus package for Tasmanian schools provides an unprecedented opportunity for school communities to consider working together and create exciting new learning facilities and opportunities.

"The Department of Education is working closely with the Department of Health, Treasury and DPAC in order to ensure that procurement and regulatory arrangements associated with these projects are able to be streamlined and co-ordinated given the tight timeframes available." Ms Butler said.