THERE was confusion, disappointment and anger at Timboon P-12 School last week, with news the school had again missed out on vital funding.

Last week local MP Terry Mulder announced 10 schools in the Polwarth electorate would share in over $800,000 in funding to repair buildings which had been classified as being of poor or worn condition.

However, in the condition assessment report conducted at Timboon P-12 School, 34 per cent of the school’s buildings were assessed as being of a poor condition and 11 per cent were rated as worn. Yet the school didn’t receive a cent towards maintenance.

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