



Speech by

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BRIBIE ISLAND INTERSECTION

Mr FELDMAN (Caboolture—CCAQ) (10.04 a.m.): Presented here yesterday morning was a petition containing over 1,100 signatures requesting the provision of a roundabout at the intersection of Bestman Road East and Bribie Island Road at Pebble Beach, Ningi. The request has been made several times before, and most recently to the Minister for Transport on 21 January this year. In this letter that I hold from Major General D. B. Fergusson, retired, from the Pebble Beach Preservation and Progress Association, the request is made most fervently. Did the Minister personally reply? No. And does the Minister really know of the concerns of the PBPPA? No, I do not really think he does. His adviser made a reply which was very cold.

The principal petitioner, who used to reside in Pebble Beach, left the estate. She actually sold up and moved out following a near-fatal crash involving her daughter, Luci Kemp. Luci's accident occurred when attempting to turn right from Bestman Road East onto Bribie Island Road on Remembrance Day in 1998. She was almost killed when her small sedan was struck by a four-wheel-drive vehicle on Bribie Island Road. Her youthful vitality had to be cut from the wreckage of her car by the jaws of life and she was rushed by air to the Royal Brisbane Hospital intensive care unit, actually dying and being revived three times and spending some three months in a coma. Luci is still in a wheelchair today as she is recovering from her acquired brain injury. She even attended with her mother and father at my office in that very chair.

Luci's hope is that she will indeed be able to walk eventually and that, despite the treatment the concerns of the PBPPA have received from the Minister for Transport, she will be able to walk those concerns into the Minister's office and drop them onto the Minister's table herself. I can attest to the fact, being a former TAIS officer, that Luci was indeed lucky to come out of that accident without losing her life.

This has been a timely warning that the Minister should be doing something to address the concerns about this intersection before he begins to count the cost of his inaction in a death. Luci's accident occurred, as I said, on 11 November 1998, Remembrance Day. I say: let us honour that day by preventing more loss of innocent life where we can. I say again: lest we forget.

Time expired.
