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DANIEL MORCOMBE FOUNDATION, CHILD SAFETY DVD

Mr WELLINGTON (Nicklin—Ind) (9.53 pm): On Tuesday I joined with over 500 walkers and supporters of Denise and Bruce Morcombe in the Walk for Daniel. During that walk I spoke with a number of parents about the child safety DVD that has been prepared by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

I take this opportunity to share with members some of the comments that were made to me by parents who have viewed that very important child safety DVD. One mother said to me that she had spent a lot of time talking with her daughter about stranger danger and the issues involved with child safety. However, when she and her daughter saw the DVD for the first time, her daughter immediately said to her mother, 'Yes, I can understand that. I can relate to the feeling of the hair at the back of your neck standing on end, your stomach turning. I can understand how children might feel when they feel something is not right but they don't know what to do.'

One of the very important things about this child safety DVD that has been prepared by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation is that it has reached children in a way that I believe many other child safety DVDs have not been able to. I have not viewed all the child safety material. However, I have watched the DVD. A number of parents spoke with me on that important walk on Tuesday about how they thought that showing that DVD to their children sent a very clear message to the children about what they could do if they did not feel safe and secure and if there was a problem with a stranger in their immediate midst.

I urge all members to please contact the foundation and make this free DVD available to their communities. Please encourage parents in their communities throughout the length and breadth of Queensland to contact the foundation and have a look at the foundation's DVD. I believe it could save many, many lives. More importantly, it is sending a very important message to all the parents, to visitors to Queensland and, most importantly, to young Queenslanders and young children in Queensland that they can do something if something does not feel right. They should be guided by their inner feelings. If it does not feel right, 99 per cent of the time it is not right, and they can do something about it.

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