




Speech By
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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (1.05 am): It gives me great pleasure to stand to speak in the House tonight, because about 12 months ago today I was able to stand here and, in my speech in reply to the budget, announce the first ever traffic lights for Nanango town. I can say that this week I was very proud, with Councillor Barry Green of the South Burnett Regional Council, to be at Nanango when those lights were first turned on.

In all seriousness, this is an important issue, because regional and rural roads are extremely dangerous. I do not need to tell that to the majority of people on this side of the House who have grown up in those rural and regional areas. For me personally, road safety is an extremely important initiative. If these lights, which slow down the trucks going through the township of Nanango, up the Burnett Highway before turning on to the D'Aguiar Highway going towards Kingaroy, save a life, I am extremely proud to be the member who has delivered the first lights for Nanango.

On the same theme, I am also extremely grateful to the Minister for Transport that I have been able to deliver two sets of flashing lights—one set at Taabinga State School, which is located right on the main highway coming into Kingaroy. I want to thank the principal, Susan Beattie, who for a long time has advocated to have those flashing lights. So they are now installed. The other set of flashing lights was installed at Kumbia State School, and the principal there is Ross Deards.

Harlin State School is a successful little school. I want to congratulate the principal, Kay Ryan, and the teacher there, Mrs Kerry Derksen. Harlin State School is a beautiful little school, built in 1910 at the top of the Brisbane Valley. I am so proud of this school because the teachers and the students have put up with the tiny little room for all of them for many years. They have never been able to achieve greater space and I am very pleased to be able to announce, through just simple common sense and having a practical local member, that another building will be moved to Harlin State School to enable these poor children to have a little bit of space. These country schools are forgotten about when it comes to space. So I am really excited to be visiting the school again soon, which will have this extended space. It is really exciting.

There are good things happening in the Nanango electorate all the time. I hope that I will be able to stand here this time next year when I talk about the new police station.

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