




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR DALRYMPLE

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ADJOURNMENT

Atherton State High School

 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (11.43 pm): The Queensland government currently has a \$10 million program to install flashing school zone signs at over 300 risk assessed school zones across the state over four years. Schools are being selected based on a detailed risk analysis of all school zones in Queensland and nominations by state members of parliament based on the local knowledge of particular problem areas. Priorities have been given to school zones with a significant crash history, a high level of vehicle and pedestrian traffic, high speed limits or visibility problems. I have tabled a petition containing 83 signatures on behalf of the Atherton State High School Parents and Citizens Association.

The petition states—

To: The Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.

Queensland residents draws to the attention of the House the need to install flashing lights at Atherton State High School. We understand the flashing lights will ensure an extra safety boost around school zones and remind motorists to slow down and will provide a safer place for children to cross the busy road.

Your petitioners, therefore, request the House to prioritise the installation of school flashing lights at Atherton State High School.

I also read a letter in regard to the Atherton State High School Parents and Citizens Association, which states—

The Atherton State High School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) would like to support Schools' bid to have flashing lights installed at key locations adjacent to the school.

Maunds Road runs into Louise Street at the front of the School and serves as one of the major feeder roads into Atherton. This is the start of the Gillies Highway that runs through Yungaburra then on to the Bruce Highway at Gordonvale.

The high volume of traffic flowing along this major road poses risks to students walking to and from school. Although the road network around the school is subject to 40km/hr speed regulations at peak school times, incidents still occur, involving students and vehicles. The Police Service operates periodic speed camera operations to reinforce these regulations. They cannot be there each day of course.

The installation of flashing lights will provide drivers with an early warning of the presence of the school and help reinforce the critical time zones when students are most likely to be crossing this busy road.

The P&C would be most appreciative of any assistance you can offer in lobbying the State Government to include our High School in the Flashing Lights in School Zones Program.

I table this letter from the Atherton State High School P&C Association.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 7 March 2014, from Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Hon. Scott Emerson to member for Dalrymple, Mr Knuth MP, regarding a petition for the installation of flashing school zone lights near the Atherton State High School [\[5142\]](#).

We look forward to working with the government to get flashing lights installed in front of the Atherton State High School.