



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Domestic and Family Violence**

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.57 am): If there is any light to be found in a dark week for Queensland, it is that the community has united in horror against domestic violence. There is a real mood for change and a feeling that together we are ready to stand up to this scourge on our society. My government has made its views on this issue clear—fast-tracking legislation, boosting funding for domestic violence support services and accepting all 140 recommendations of the *Not now, not ever* report. The head of that task force, Quentin Bryce, has agreed to also head up the Premier's Implementation Council. I would like to acknowledge the bipartisan approach to this issue and thank the opposition for its support in this area.

In that spirit, the Leader of the Opposition and I were both scheduled to speak at a rally to stand up against domestic violence in the Brisbane CBD this evening. Unfortunately, we have just learned that the weather has forced the event to be postponed. This is disappointing, but I am assured that organisers are working to provide another opportunity in the near future. When it is rescheduled, it will be a peaceful gathering to remember victims of domestic violence and it will be an opportunity for us all to say 'enough is enough'.