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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Road Safety Week**

 **Ms SIMPSON** (Maroochydore—LNP) (10.12 pm): Drive So Others Survive, or #DriveSOS, is the theme of this year's national Road Safety Week, which is this week. After recent road tragedies, it is timely that we as a community keep the conversation going about staying safe on our roads. This week should act as a reminder for all drivers to be vigilant and stay safe on the roads and to support the campaign. The campaign is literally being lit up in lights with the Sir Leo Hielscher or the Gateway bridges turned yellow for this week, and this is being repeated on other landmarks around Australia. Road safety is everybody's responsibility, and this week gives us an opportunity to reflect and have that conversation with our friends and with our families and to observe the 'Fatal Five' and what that means and the legacy that, unfortunately, some families carry through tragic deaths on our roads. Unfortunately, this year we have had a terrible Easter road toll and just last week the tragic loss of five people following a serious flooding event. Road safety needs a multifaceted approach to truly change driver behaviour, including advertising, infrastructure and awareness campaigns. Organisations like Safer Australian Roads and Highways play a valuable role in keeping road safety top of mind and ultimately keep the road toll as low as possible.

The LNP takes road safety extremely seriously, as it only takes a split second to have an accident that will affect or destroy many lives. While in government the LNP government delivered a record \$350 million for the Road Safety Action Plan that provided 60 actions to tackle the road toll. While any death on our roads is a tragedy, we saw a record low road toll in 2014 as a result of our plan of police enforcement and the vigilance of drivers. Remember #DriveSOS—Drive So Others Survive. We cannot allow these tragedies to be forgotten. We must ensure that as a community we all drive so that our roads are safer.