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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply) (10.24 am): The Palaszczuk government is committed to reducing the burden of road trauma on our communities. The safety of the people who travel on the state's vast road network is paramount. The Safer Roads, Safer Queensland strategy and action plan was launched on 24 August 2015 to guide those efforts. This roadmap represents the culmination of ideas generated by key road safety experts and practitioners at the Safer Roads, Safer Queensland forum held in April this year and on our continuing steering committee. I would like to thank all of those stakeholders for their tremendous work with us on this.

Our ultimate vision is zero deaths and serious injuries on our road network. No road death is acceptable. We are working towards this vision through the agreed national road safety targets set for 2020. The action plan includes 57 initiatives that take the first steps towards realising the goals of the strategy. Over the next two years we will deliver more than \$500 million on road safety programs, including education, community engagement, enforcement, technology, research and improved road infrastructure targeting the highest risk locations.

We have already started delivering some of those key initiatives. So far we have introduced double demerit points for two or more mobile phone offences committed within one year, which commenced on 1 September this year. Over 100 young people from across the state participated in the Co-Lab youth road safety innovation challenge on 8 July to brainstorm the road safety issues impacting their generation. Phase 2 of Co-Lab will be held on the 30th of this month, with a prize for the best innovative solution. We have also released a discussion paper and online survey about our proposed reforms to motorcycle licensing requirements in Queensland. We have also had our first statewide Road Safety Week, with over 50 events across Queensland.

Statewide road safety campaigns continue with the launch of the distractions ad campaign on the 31st of last month, the development of a drink-driving campaign for the Christmas-New Year festive season and a renewed flood focused road safety campaign. There are many more activities happening around the state and in our local communities. I certainly encourage everyone to have a look at the strategy and action plan and commit to how they can get involved and make road safety a priority for Queensland.