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## ADJOURNMENT

### Caboolture Electorate, Domestic and Family Violence

 **Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (10.12 pm): The people of the Caboolture region are taking action to eliminate domestic and family violence. Recently I convened a local family and domestic violence working group to engage with our community about what we can all do to eliminate family and domestic violence. Over a period of three months and three forums, over 200 people from the Caboolture region and surrounding areas turned out to work positively together to develop goodwill and a collaborative approach to taking action. Our forums were attended by many people from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

At our forums local service providers, community groups and concerned residents spoke about the impact of family and domestic violence on our community. Some people spoke from personal experience of violence and others from their professional experience helping those affected by violence, but all were united behind a push to end family and domestic violence in our community. I sincerely thank all those people for their time and their genuine willingness to make a difference.

Our local working group identified existing services, needs and local action and worked with our special guest facilitator, the Hon. Karen Struthers, a former minister for women and former member of this House, to develop a local action plan. In the spirit of the *Not now, not ever* report by Dame Quentin Bryce, this plan is especially important for our community because it will inform government action in our local area and represents our collaborative vision that community challenges require community solutions. Our local action plan identifies areas of need in our community and outlines what our community believes should be done to address that need. Our local action plan sets out 10 key priority actions.

These priority actions include: making available more education and intervention programs for men; delivering respectful relationship courses at local sporting clubs; introducing a respectful relationships program in local schools; providing trauma informed counselling awareness and education training; establishing a women's wellbeing centre in the Caboolture region to provide a safe place for women and a space for the coordination and delivery of education, empowerment, support and prevention programs; funding a local project officer to map existing services and encourage collaboration; delivering more and smoother local pathways for people in need of emergency and short-term housing; establishing a dedicated family and domestic violence court at Caboolture; allocating dedicated DV support officers to local police stations and dedicated DV duty lawyers to local courthouses; and trialling a streamlined DVO application process in the Caboolture region.

Along with the people of the Caboolture region, I affirm my commitment that family and domestic violence is never acceptable: not now, not ever.