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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Domestic and Family Violence**

**Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (2.05 pm): Thanks to women like Rosie Batty, domestic violence is now an important part of our national conversation. Gone are the days when this issue was hidden in the shadows. It is up to all of us to keep this conversation alive. It is up to all of us to empower victims to seek help, to empower friends and family to identify the warning signs and, where possible, to change the culture that leads to domestic and family violence in the first place.

Today I am pleased to join the federal government and my COAG colleagues to announce the start of a federal awareness campaign against domestic violence. Queensland is contributing \$3 million to the overall campaign. Advertising begins this weekend across all mediums, with the first phase aimed at parents and family members of children aged 10 to 17 as well as the teachers, coaches, community leaders and employers of young people. It will be supported with online tools and resources to help influencers of young people to reflect on their own attitudes and talk about respect with the young people in their lives. As I said, this is just the first phase. Campaign activities will run to 2018 and will do so with Queensland's full support.

The campaign is part of an increasing national effort to tackle this issue. Queensland is ready and willing to lead from the front, which is why I offered to host a national summit on domestic and family violence in Queensland. I can confirm that the Prime Minister has agreed to my request, with the summit to be hosted here in Queensland in October. The national summit provides an excellent opportunity for Queensland to bring together a broad range of experts from across the country to tackle domestic and family violence.

The government has developed a 10-year reform program in response to the recommendations of the landmark *Not now, not ever* report. The national summit will allow us to share this program with other states and territories. It will allow us to listen to their ideas and their experts as well, because we are all in this together and we can work together better to drive domestic and family violence out of our lives.