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Domestic and Family Violence, COAG Summit

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.35 am): Later this month, on 28 October, Queensland will host the national COAG summit on reducing violence against women and their children. The Prime Minister and I will co-host the summit and it will be attended by first ministers from other states and territories and the president of the Australian Local Government Association. The summit provides an important opportunity for governments, key community leaders and experts to come together, discuss preventative strategies and actions to address the violence against women and their children and to build on our achievements. The summit will profile best practice and review progress across the country.

Communities across Australia are taking action to prevent this violence. Work is underway at all levels of government to change the way domestic and family violence is dealt with. My government is firmly committed to action on this national issue, developing a 10-year reform program in response to the recommendations of the landmark *Not now, not ever* report. This summit is about outlining to the rest of the nation what works for Queensland and, in turn, learning from other states what works best for them. We still need to do more in our communities to prevent family and domestic violence from happening. I am determined to ensure Queensland plays a leadership role in this debate, which is why I volunteered our state to host this summit. Having the national leaders in one room is a will that we work together as a nation to address family and domestic violence.