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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Greenslopes Electorate, Domestic and Family Violence**

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.33 pm): I am proud to be part of the Palaszczuk government that is implementing the 141 recommendations of the *Not now, not ever* report and I am also extremely proud to be part of a parliament that is showing cross-party support for this. I want to update the House on how my community is responding to the *Not now, not ever* report. Over the last 12 months or so I have worked with the Mount Gravatt Community Centre to hold a number of domestic violence round tables for community leaders. I want to thank Minister Fentiman for attending the last round table we held—the third in fact—and for supporting that event. Over 50 people came along from organisations that support people affected by domestic violence—from schools, from P&Cs, from service clubs, from local sporting clubs, small businesses and government departments. The first couple of round tables that we held had a lot of discussions and identified three key areas that should be focused on in domestic violence. One is the emergency response to support victims in the immediate aftermath. The second is the justice response to make sure that we hold perpetrators to account and seek rehabilitation for them but also to provide ongoing protections. The third area is to change the culture so that we build a culture where domestic violence is just not acceptable, and our group has chosen to focus on that third element and we believe that this is very much achievable.

If we think about sexual harassment in the workplace, when I started my working career 28 years ago or thereabouts sexual harassment was common. Managers did not know what to do about it. There were not very good policies in relation to it. If we fast forward to now, managers and workers know what to do about domestic violence. They know it is not acceptable and they have policies to support action on that. Therefore, we can change the culture. We can say that domestic violence will not be acceptable in our community.

Our third round table discussed a plan of action for our community in 2017. We are going to be asking local organisations to nominate a domestic violence resource person and we are going to embed that person in each organisation. The Mount Gravatt Community Centre will provide ongoing training and support for those people whose role is going to be to work in those diverse organisations I described to build awareness about what domestic violence is and what can be done if someone is affected by domestic violence or what can be done to help someone who is affected by domestic violence. The third point is to develop policies to promote respectful relationships. We really believe that by embedding people in organisations with a responsibility for these things we can go a long way towards not just eliminating domestic violence in those organisations but playing a role in the broader community of eliminating domestic violence. I am really pleased to report to the House that leaders in my community are committed to working together to create a culture that says 'not now, not ever' to domestic violence. I am proud to be part of the Palaszczuk government that is achieving great outcomes in this area.