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Road Safety

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (9.13 pm): I rise to urge all members and the people of Queensland to support the government's My Road Toll campaign. That was the message last Sunday from the Logan Road Safety Expo, held on Wembley Road. Our road toll is too high. Even one death on our roads is too many. We should recognise that a road death does not affect just the victim; it has a ripple effect that hurts their partner, children, parents, friends and indeed the whole community.

Recently while at my son's soccer training at Park Ridge one of the fathers spoke about being behind a car that unexpectedly simply swung across the road and clipped oncoming traffic. He pulled over and sat with the man as he faded in and out of consciousness. He relayed the small details: the little red car, the photo of the kids on his phone. When the man slumped over, he gently cradled his head. He remained with him, sitting in the passenger seat until the police and ambulance arrived. A week later he was still deeply affected by the incident. His journey home that day would be a memory that stayed with him and affected him for years to come. I am told that the man in the red car survived, but no doubt for him and his family there are tough days ahead. He, too, will never forget that day.

The whole of the Logan community is touched by the road toll. That is why the Minister for Main Roads's My Road Toll campaign will strike such an impact. It is the families—fathers, mothers, sons and daughters—telling their clear story. We need to be clear with the message of the 'fatal 5': distraction and inattention, speeding, drink and drug driving, failure to wear a seatbelt, and driving while fatigued. These are the causes of the majority of accidents, and we can make a difference. Do not let it be your family member who feels they need to participate in next year's My Road Toll campaign.

Last Sunday the Logan community made a difference on the road toll. The Logan Road Safety Expo was a tremendous success, with hundreds of families learning the lessons of road safety. The event was supported by the Logan City Council, Neighbourhood Watch, PCYC, Bendigo Bank and Toll. Wendy and Geoff Smith from the Crestmead PCYC were the driving force behind starting up the day a number of years ago at Waller Park, and now it is the largest in the state.

I also recognise Sergeant Matt Massouras from the Crestmead PCYC; Tracey from Crestmead Community Centre, who is so passionate about young drivers getting into work and safely getting there; Bob Clarke, who has taught so many people to drive and so much more about life and responsibility; the Logan police, including Mike and Ben; the fireys; and the ambulance workers. They are all doing great work out there to educate the public. The firefighters used their equipment to cut apart a car to show how they would rescue a person from an accident. All of the Logan community were out there to make a difference. They were there to spread the message of My Road Toll and how it affects not just the victim but also all Queenslanders who know someone hurt in this way.