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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (10.16 pm): This evening, we all had the pleasure to attend the Surf Life Saving Queensland season wrap-up function in the Premiers Hall, where we learned that, during the 2015-16 patrol season, Surf Life Saving Queensland's services combined to directly save the lives of 3,396 beachgoers through in-water rescues; they treated 18,692 first-aid patients; they performed 718,926 preventive actions to proactively safeguard beachgoers; and they watched over and protected more than 15.2 million beachgoers. Sadly, despite that work, since 1 July 2015, 11 people have drowned. That is the highest number since 2004-05, when we lost 13 people. Importantly, all of those drownings occurred outside of patrol hours or at unattended or unpatrolled beaches. That is an important point. I am told that there has never been a drowning between the red and yellow flags of Surf Life Saving Queensland. To curtail the loss of life and injury, some key initiatives have been implemented by Surf Life Saving Queensland, including increased patrol hours and dusk patrols in key areas, such as Surfers Paradise, and also an increase in its education and safety programs around the state.

Key points that came out of tonight's briefing and wrap-up included that we are all responsible for spreading the word, that we need to promote safe practices around our beaches and that we need to somehow educate our visitors—people from European countries, people from Asian countries. How often have we heard of visitors from Asia or Europe finding themselves in difficulty or, in fact, drowning off our beaches and destroying their holidays and the holidays of their loved ones and all of the grief that goes with that?

A not-so-surprising fact came out of my discussion with some of the people who were at that function tonight—people who are expert in CPR—and that is that Queensland is out of step with other states in terms of our recommendations regarding CPR on our charts. Those recommendations state that we need to do two breaths and then 30 compressions. That recommendation flies in the face of the advice of experts and it flies in the face of recommendations made in all the other states of Australia. They know the correct way to do CPR, and that is to start immediately with 30 compressions. I believe that we need to review our position and get back into step with best practice and the advice of those experts.