



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR SUNNYBANK**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**MacGregor State School**

 **Mr RUSSO** (Sunnybank—ALP) (5.10 pm): Since being elected I have been making efforts to improve the safety of students at the MacGregor State School, but my efforts have been frustrated by the Brisbane City Council at every turn. I have tried to progress this project since being elected. I have asked Councillor Steven Huang for the MacGregor ward to advise me in writing what is happening with the stop, drop and go zone for MacGregor State School to ensure the safety of students of that school.

Brisbane City Council keep making promises and breaking them. They say they will fix the problem, but they do not. They will not work with the department of education to advance this project. Councillor Steven Huang promised a feasibility study at the recent council election and then reneged. He promised the parents of MacGregor State School and then again reneged. He promised the students of MacGregor State School and again reneged. The council have promised a stop, drop and go zone but they refuse to take ownership and responsibility for this project.

I, along with the Minister for Education, visited the MacGregor State School at peak pick-up time in the afternoon. I thank the minister for her commitment to this project and for taking time out of her busy schedule to visit the MacGregor State School to meet the teachers, parents and students at this busy time. Whilst the minister was there the question was asked whether the former LNP member had been able to secure funding for the stop, drop and go zone for MacGregor State School. I learnt very early in the piece that no funding had been secured. I also learnt that the most fundamental ask had not occurred. The most fundamental ask was for the Brisbane City Council to request the government to excise the land. That has never occurred and as a result of that not occurring the feasibility study has never been able to be undertaken. Despite the false promises from the councillor we are in a position of a complete stalemate because the Brisbane City Council has altered the way they deal with stop, drop and go zones at about 46 schools throughout the state.