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ADJOURNMENT

Burrandowan Picnic Race Day; National Road Safety Week

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (5.54 pm): This weekend the mighty Burrandowan picnic race meeting is on. I invite all of my colleagues and friends in this great House to head out to Burrandowan picnic race day. It will be a fabulous country race day.

Mr Seeney: Best barbecue you will ever have.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will take the interjection from the member for Callide. It is the best barbecue you will ever have. We have a barbecue that goes through the night. Many people camp overnight. It is at the end of a road that needs a fair bit of work. Those constituents of mine who live in the Ironpot and Burrandowan area are desperate for the Kingaroy Burrandowan Road to be at least graded and upgraded a little. I will be looking forward to the race day this weekend. I say to those who will be travelling across that road to please be careful. Today nothing is more important because it is National Road Safety Week. I have been pleased to wear this yellow ribbon, an initiative of the Safer Australian Roads and Highway group.

On a serious note, I was very saddened this morning to hear of yet another fatality on one of the main roads within the Nanango electorate, to the south of Esk on the Brisbane Valley Highway. Anyone who travels roads throughout country electorates knows that these roads are dangerous. It is very unfortunate that this fatality has happened. My thoughts, prayers and best wishes go to the family of the victim of the accident today.

Within the Nanango electorate we have the Brisbane Valley Highway, the D'Aguilar Highway, the Bunya Highway, the Burnett Highway and the New England Highway. Of course there are all the other connecting roads. It was during the term of the LNP government that major investment was made on those roads within that area. We invested \$10 million through the Royalties for the Regions program, building overtaking lanes on the Brisbane Valley Highway and the D'Aguilar Highway. We built two more overtaking lanes on the Bunya Highway and again on the D'Aguilar Highway between Nanango and Kingaroy.

For people in our regional areas continued road investment is critical. It helps ensure producers get their product to market, it brings tourists in, it transports goods in and out of our regions and, most importantly, it means our communities get where they need to go safely each day. I call on this government to reinstate much needed funding for the Nanango electorate's road network.