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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Mount Lindesay Highway**

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (6.12 pm): The soccer season has started again for the Park Ridge Panthers. Recently when I took my son Jack to training I sat next to another father, but it was not the light conversation that we expected. Instead, he told me that recently he had been on the Mount Lindesay Highway when an accident had happened. He got out of his car and sat in the passenger seat next to a man as he was bleeding unable to get out of his car.

The Mount Lindesay Highway is more than a strip of bitumen to us; it is the lifeblood of my community. An accident is more than a statistic; it is a person—a local—missed by family and friends. I have been fighting for the road because we saw funding reduced from \$50 million under the former Labor government to just \$7 million under the previous LNP government. That was part of \$600 million in cuts statewide. We have reinstated some of that funding. Now we have over \$35 million in funding for the Mount Lindesay Highway.

For me what is especially important is Camp Cable Road. I know that the intersection upgrade there will save lives. I think it already has saved lives. Every weekend I am out at Olley's Orange Country Market asking people to sign my petition—we have over 800 signatures already—to fix up that intersection and the service road. I was really pleased when the minister came out to open the Beaudesert bypass that I could show him those intersections directly so that he could understand exactly what they are like and how safety could be improved.

I am fighting just as hard for four-laning between Rosia Road and Granger Road and Stoney Camp Road and I will continue to fight because it is vital. We are a growing community, with both Flagstone and Yarrabilba connecting through the Mount Lindesay Highway. I will fight and fight because it is more than a road; it is our connection.

Soon the Logan Motorway enhancements will begin. I know the minister will be out there to see these fantastic upgrades that will improve the intersection of the Mount Lindesay Highway and the Logan Motorway and the Wembley Road overpass. I know that he will be out there but he also knows that I will be talking about one thing. I will be saying, 'Minister, let's look again at the Mount Lindesay Highway because it is the lifeblood of our area.' We can make it safer, we can make it better and we can make transport and communications in the electorate of Logan better.