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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (2.18 pm): This afternoon I rise to continue the fight for our fair share of services in the southern and western suburbs of Toowoomba. I have spent much of the last two years fighting hard to make sure that Glenvale State School is granted funding towards a drop-off zone. We have 2,200 vehicles going up a very busy road right outside the school, 10 per cent of which are heavy vehicles. We have a situation where the community's safety is at risk. It is appropriate that I speak just after the member for Condamine, who is now pushing for a new high school to the south-west of Toowoomba, which is perhaps to be called the south-west Toowoomba high school or south-west Toowoomba college.

What the southern and western suburbs of Toowoomba deserve is their fair share, and I will always fight on their behalf. Prior to the election I was able to secure a funding commitment of \$500,000 towards a drop-off and pick-up zone, and I pay tribute to the strong work and efforts of Melissa Greensill and Jess Errington at Glenvale State School who have advocated fiercely, as have many of the parents and broader community at Glenvale.

The member for Condamine reflected that we have a range of congestion and community security issues to the south and west of Toowoomba, communities that need a new high school, that need more infrastructure, that need footpaths and drop-off and pick-up zones at schools. It is no longer good enough for the local government and the state government simply to say nothing and forget about these southern and western suburbs of Toowoomba. I promise Melissa Greensill and other concerned parents at Glenvale State School to keep working with them and keep fighting.

I call on the education minister to provide funding, to direct the education department to do something. We cannot have children walking across the busy Glenvale Road with one drop-off and one pick-up zone to Glenvale State School. It is not good enough and we need to do something about it.

I also support the member for Condamine's call for this new high school. I have two high schools in my electorate, both at capacity—Harristown State High and Centenary State High. We need a new high school to the south-west of Toowoomba. I encourage the minister to consider that as some matter of urgency.

Just this week at Glenvale State School parking inspectors from the Toowoomba Regional Council were booking parents trying to get their children to and from school—in the teeming rain no less! That is not good enough. We need to do something about it. At the moment it is just the LNP talking about delivering for the southern and western suburbs of Toowoomba.