




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

South Pine Road, Traffic Accidents

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (7.00 pm): I rise in the House to speak about a serious issue in my electorate and to make a direct appeal to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads. In my electorate the southbound stretch of South Pine Road going towards the city, bordered by Pullen Road and Halle Street, is incredibly dangerous. In mid-October during that rainy period there were four car accidents within five days in which cars went into residents' fences and onto footpaths; they were incredibly dangerous. This is not the first spate of accidents on this road. Over the years there have been numerous accidents because of the design of the road. Frankly, the residents have had enough. I would like to table the front page of the *North-West News*, which shows an example of one of those accidents.

Tabled paper: Article from the *North-West News*, dated 1 November 2018, titled 'Residents in fear' [[1783](#)].

The resident who lives next door to the house pictured, Pat Bourke, has lived there for 30 years. She is in a situation where she fears for her safety. The situation is so dire that she has spent \$8,000 of her own money to basically barricade herself in. Not only does she have a brick wall but she has boulders behind the brick wall so she can feel safe. The people across the road, Jillian and Dennis, have a first-aid kit permanently situated in their garage plus orange traffic cones because they are so used to aiding those people who, unfortunately, have an accident on this section of the road.

This is a serious safety issue. I have written to the minister on at least three occasions. I have brought this matter up with Transport and Main Roads officials on numerous occasions. They acknowledge that there is a problem. They are conducting an investigation. I am very, very concerned that there is going to be a fatality on this section of the road unless action is taken immediately. I am calling on the Minister for Transport and Main Roads to personally intervene in this situation so that there is not another accident. It is so bad that Pat Bourke was told unofficially by one of the Transport and Main Roads officials, 'If I was you, I would move out of this house.' That is not good enough. We expect action from the minister.