




Speech By
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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (7.00 pm): How good are Kawana schools! They are great. We have great students, great principals, great administration and great parents. I want to reflect tonight as the member for Kawana on a few of those schools and a few other issues.

The other week I attended the Meridan State College Twilight Festival. Well done to the P&C administration on a wonderful festival. It had an international theme. I can say that the Dutch were represented. I had the Jarrod Bleijie stand set up. I had Dutch clogs on. I dressed like a Dutchman. One thing about the Dutch is that we cannot make lollies. Every kid who took a lolly from the stand spat it out about two metres away, including the licorice. However, we can make Dutch oliebollens. I thank Dutchy's Bakehouse on the Sunshine Coast for making the Dutch oliebollens that we were selling, raising money for air conditioning for Meridan State College.

The Talara Primary College trivia night was a wonderful night. I was a sponsor, but I could not attend. By all accounts, and from the photos, they had a wonderful night, again raising money for vital air conditioning in the school. Well done to the Talara Primary College P&C Association.

I am really looking forward to 1 November and the Buddina State School Freaky Friday Fete. I already have my costume sorted out. We will again be raising money for air conditioning for the school.

I went to the Kawana Waters State College health and innovation expo recently. They are doing a tremendous job. I look forward to participating in that program. We have iPads for kids at Pacific Lutheran College and Currimundi State School for kids to get involved in democracy and to win an iPad.

I want to raise a serious issue for Talara Primary College. I wrote to Minister Bailey on 23 February 2016 about the need for a signalised pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Nicklin Way and Gannawarra Street. Minister Bailey replied on 3 May 2016 advising that his department 'has undertaken planning for future safety and capacity improvements along Nicklin Way. The planning includes installing a signalised pedestrian crossing ...' I then wrote to Minister Bailey on 20 June 2019 asking when the signalised crossing would be completed. Minister Bailey replied on 23 August 2019 advising that 'TMR has reviewed the intersection ... and determined that installing a signalised pedestrian crossing at this intersection is a low priority'. Someone will get killed at that intersection. A child going to school will get killed. I call on Minister Bailey to urgently install the safety improvements at the Gannawarra Street and Nicklin Way intersection.

Finally, I call on Minister de Brenni to meet with the Seachange Retirement Village. It is hybrid scheme. It has been severely impacted by the new government legislation whereby the unit owners are required to buy a property that they cannot sell. That is severely impacting the community at the Seachange Retirement Village, and I request that Minister de Brenni meet the community members to sort it out.

