




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ADJOURNMENT

Bayside Community Collective, Domestic and Family Violence

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (7.27 pm): In 2015 our community formed the Bayside Community Collaborative and we have worked with our community to raise awareness of domestic and family violence. We have developed a strategic plan and we work closely with our local sporting clubs, community groups and employers. We have hosted a number of successful breakfasts. I am so proud to be part of the Bayside Community Collective, and some of the members were with us here tonight at the reception. Our membership includes our local faith groups, Brisbane East Zonta, WINNAN, Safe by the Bay, SCOPE, Wynnum & Manly Rotary, NAPCAN, Koha Shed, Wynnum QPS, BABI and community businesses and members, our local schools and sporting clubs.

Under a lovely moon last Friday night over 60 baysiders came together to say 'not now, not ever' to domestic and family violence in our community. As the sun went down and the moon rose over the magnificent Pandanas Beach, we locals stood together with Karyn Walsh from Micah, who shared her vision, and my good friend Jill Nock told her confronting and difficult story. Her message was powerful and, sadly, is reflective of many other stories. I commend her for her bravery in sharing her story. Roz Kinder from Zonta was also there. She read the poem *I got Flowers Today*, by Paulette Kelly. It was a time to remember those lost to us, a time to stand with those left behind and a time to promote a clear message that violence of any kind is not tolerated.

The state government is investing over \$300 million over six years to drive some significant reforms as well as continuing to support services throughout the state. Domestic and family violence is not a problem that the government can solve alone. This is a problem that only a community can overcome together. When one in six women and one in 15 men experience violence by a partner, when we see another woman lose her life to a violent partner almost every week, this means that almost everyone knows someone who has gone through this. It does not discriminate. That is why only as a community can we make meaningful long-lasting change. This is why it was so heartening to see so many people at our vigil. It is events like these as well as discussions that we have with our family, neighbours and others that can change how we deal with family and domestic violence. For too long it has been hidden away behind closed doors. Our vigil was about showing baysiders' strength and standing up and saying that when it comes to domestic and family violence, we baysiders say, 'Not now, not ever.'