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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (7.14 pm): Annerley is a historic suburb in my electorate—one of the most northern suburbs in the Miller electorate—and has a fantastic community which cares very much about the safety of the public. The shopping centre there was once the most bustling shopping centre in the city outside the CBD. It is now a very busy area with a freight route going through there and the Annerley Road-Ipswich Road junction coming together.

Sadly, in the last 12 months we have seen a pedestrian fatality there and other instances involving vulnerable road users and cars. It is not a very good situation whatsoever. My community wants to see a reduced speed zone through Annerley shopping centre to increase safety for people. We have a visually impaired facility nearby. We have a lot of elderly people, and it is very difficult to get across a very busy Ipswich Road.

I have been advocating very strongly for the council to reduce the speed zone through Annerley shopping centre. Not only will that mean that safety is improved for everybody who needs to cross that incredibly busy and dangerous road from about the police station all the way up to Venner Road through the commercial precinct; the beneficiary will be the Junction Park State School. The school is not on Ipswich Road; it is literally a stone's throw from Ipswich Road. It has a 40-kilometre speed zone on its main frontage at Waldheim Street, but the parents and community want to see a reduced speed zone on the main road to increase safety for their kids getting to and from school. It is a very active school with a very vibrant P&C with very high attendances and they have a very strong case.

Sadly, what we have seen from the Brisbane City Council is a lot of inaction. Ipswich Road is a city council road, and it is their responsibility to look at this issue and bring in a reduced speed zone which will cost people a couple of seconds and massively increase safety for the local community. What I say to the BCC is stop playing games and delaying, and get on with this.

They have finally given a commitment that they will do a speed review after a lot of pressure from Junction Park State School parents and Annerley shopping centre traders. They have finally agreed to that. They are now saying that by midyear this will occur. What I say is: get on with it because midyear is a very vague time frame. The community and parents want to see this happen sooner rather than later, but the way to do it is not through a school zone, which would only be focused around the school and is difficult given that there is no road frontage. It is not just for the school but for the whole Annerley community. We have seen this happen on David Low Way on the Sunshine Coast—

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