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Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (6.15 pm): I rise this evening to commend a very important group in the Chatsworth electorate, B4C, which has raised a very important environmental concern that is present in my Chatsworth electorate. Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the incredible work the Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee—affectionately known in our community as B4C—does in rehabilitating ecosystems and habitat to ensure that flora and fauna can continue to thrive in the south-east suburbs of Brisbane. Over the years I have seen firsthand the hard work these passionate staff and volunteers have put into creating positive changes. From organising educational forums to habitat rehabilitation events, they play a significant role in protecting our environment in Chatsworth and beyond.

The thing I truly admire about this group is that they are all about practical environmental solutions rather than supergluing themselves to roadways. This dedicated band of staff and volunteers is about working with others to change behaviours in the community while achieving positive outcomes for our environment. Over the years they have developed successful partnerships with the state government, Brisbane City Council and private enterprise to work on tangible solutions for communities. For this reason I think they are amazing at what they do.

In particular, B4C have promoted fauna movement solutions in the city for some time now, and they continue to work hard with state and local governments to improve road ecology in Brisbane. As the Chatsworth bushland corridor is a vital connector to surrounding habitats in Brisbane, it is especially important to create corridors for animals to migrate safely. I want to thank a few members of the B4C community who have showcased the positive difference fauna movement solutions can make in the electorate, in particular: Carly Murphy, environment and projects officer; Wayne Cameron, catchment manager; Stefan Hattingh, manager, B4C landcare services; and Heather Barns, project officer and secretary. They have worked tirelessly to create awareness of this issue. They held a very successful Barriers & Bridges fauna movement solutions forum with multiple relevant stakeholders in attendance.

During my most recent meeting with these B4C members, I was surprised to hear that the state government's fauna sensitive road design guidelines for Transport and Main Roads appears to have changed little since 2010. As it has obviously now been nine years since these guidelines were updated, I believe this is something that needs to be addressed so that transport and infrastructure projects can implement current best practice fauna movement solutions to preserve our precious habitat in the Chatsworth electorate.

Chatsworth is unique in that we are approximately 13 kilometres from the city CBD yet have so many important environmentally sensitive ecosystems running through our electorate. I want to ensure this continues so that future generations can also enjoy this for many years to come. I absolutely acknowledge the great work of B4C.