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ADJOURNMENT

South Pine Road, Traffic Accidents

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (7.09 pm): I rise in the House to speak on an issue which I wish I did not have to speak about. A couple of months ago I mentioned a dangerous strip of road in my electorate on South Pine Road. I am sure you know of this section yourself, Mr Deputy Speaker, being an Everton Park local many, many years ago. It is a strip that goes down past Halle Street, past the Puma Hanos garage and it is causing incredible distress for the people who live in that area.

I mentioned last time I raised this issue that in a period of a few days five accidents had taken place. I also talked about the fact that Mrs Patricia Bourke who lives there has had to reinforce her fence at a cost of \$15,000 to give her some reassurance that the cars that continually career into her fence will not cause damage or injury to her or her property. After I mentioned this the minister came and spoke to me. He said he would do something about this because something had to happen. However, I am really concerned that nothing has happened. I have very panicked residents at the moment and the reason they are panicking is because it is raining. Every time it rains there are accidents in which cars spin out of control.

Ironically, on five occasions from 15 to 28 March the 'slippery when wet' sign was knocked over by cars that lost control. Last week we had more wet weather and in a period of 49 hours there were five accidents. I want to table these photos which show a car full of family members careering into this fence once again.

Tabled paper: Bundle of photographs, undated, depicting a car accident on 20 April [655](#).

There is another one in which a car slipped off the road, went across the median strip and ended up on the other side of the road.

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I table this as well, which shows another car that has careered and caused damage because of the wet weather.

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The minister has written to say that the department has told him that most of these incidents are due to driver error. However, that is not what the first responders are saying. That is not what the police, the fire brigade or the ambulance are saying. I am pleading with the minister to do something urgently because the longer this situation goes on, the more chance there is of an incredibly serious accident occurring. When it rains, people slide off the road because there is something wrong with the camber of the road, and 'slippery when wet' signs just do not cut it.