




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Camp Hill, Deaths

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (6.11 pm) I thank the member for Chatsworth for those words. Like the majority of people in my community today, it has been impossible not to think about the three children and the mother who were tragically murdered yesterday in Camp Hill. Today is a particularly happy day for my family as we celebrate my daughter's birthday. While we try to make that special for my daughter, it has been difficult for my wife and me to put these things out of our minds. My thoughts and deep condolences are with the family and friends of those impacted by these tragic deaths.

I say to anyone who is affected by domestic violence that there is help and there is hope. There are resources, there are people and there are organisations that you can reach out to for help. Whether you are a victim or a perpetrator, whether you are struggling to leave a relationship, whether you have made a mistake and hurt someone, there is hope and there is help available. I know it is difficult, but I urge people to take that first step.

Last week, a group of people met at the Coorparoo School of Arts hall, including community groups, churches, small businesses, individuals from our community and artists. We come together and we are trying to build a permanent memorial for people affected by domestic and family violence. Little did we know that this tragic event would occur less than a kilometre from where we were meeting. We do not want this to just be a memorial for people who have been killed or injured by domestic violence; we want it to be a beacon of hope. We want it to be a guiding light for change in our society. We want a society where people are treated with respect. We want a society where relationships are based on collaboration and not based on control and fear.

Last night, like everyone else in my community, I held my family close. I was so sad for that mother and her children. However, I was particularly pleased that there were brave people in our community that ran towards danger to help a mate—tradies, local residents, police, fireys and ambos—and I thank them all. Sadly, people dying as a result of domestic violence is not unique. It happens every week somewhere in Australia.

Our community is devastated by this tragic and difficult situation. This is a peaceful area of Camp Hill. It is an area where my grandparents spent 40 years of their lives on that very street just across the road from where this tragedy occurred. As I have done for the last five years, and I will continue to do, I will work with anybody in my community who is willing to work towards that goal of establishing a society based on respect, anybody who is prepared to say 'not now, not ever' to domestic violence. Rest in peace, Hannah, Laianah, Aaliyah and Trey.