




Speech By
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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (9.49 am): As members of parliament we get to see the best of people and the worst of people. We can see the frailty of the human condition and we can see how precious life is.

Today is a very sad day. I have just been informed by the Police Commissioner that three people have died, including children, in an horrific incident at Camp Hill this morning. All emergency services are on the scene. The situation is at a very early stage. I am informed that police are investigating all of the circumstances surrounding this tragic set of events. My thoughts are with all of those affected by this terrible tragedy.

I was also shocked to hear about a hit-and-run incident in Townsville this morning. My thoughts are with the injured cyclists and their families and friends. I have no doubt that this incident will hit the Townsville cycling community hard. I am advised a group of five cyclists were struck in the incident. Police are investigating this appalling incident. Everyone has the right to be safe on the roads. I know that police will work swiftly to identify those responsible. I am advised that three female cyclists and two male cyclists were taken to the Townsville Hospital with various injuries. Again, I would like to say that my sympathies are with the cyclists and their loved ones.

I have spoken to the Police Commissioner and our Deputy Police Commissioner based in Townsville. I have been informed police are devoting extensive resources to tracking down those responsible. This incident occurred at 5.30 this morning so the investigation is still at a very early stage. Having said that, I know police will not rest until this matter is resolved and those responsible are brought before the courts.

I say again that my thoughts are with the victims of this senseless, heartless, cowardly attack and also with the friends and families of those who have a connection with the incident in Camp Hill—a truly tragic set of events.