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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.03 pm): Eatons Crossing Road is a key traffic route for many people in my community of Pine Rivers. Over the years several traffic upgrades have been undertaken, but our roads are in need of serious safety upgrades, in particular the traffic blackspot at the intersection with Lilley Road. Local residents have been raising this road with me repetitively over the years. A full upgrade to Eatons Crossing Road is needed and an end to the blackspot of the Lilley Road intersection, which is why three weeks ago I started a petition. Already in that time it has over 451 signatures. On Tuesday I provided that petition to the member for Miller, the Minister for Main Roads.

As the department is completing a study on Eatons Crossing Road, I asked my community to share with me their views around road safety in this space. Of particular interest was the feedback that they shared with me. Robert from Wamuran said to me—

'My Wife Alyx Hardacre was killed in a motorcycle accident on 14th March 2018 on Eatons crossing rd. So I believe an upgrade is needed.

Brooke from Warner begged—

Please make this stretch of road safer by installing traffic lights.

Julle from Cashmere said—

I drive through this junction many times a day. It is a death trap.

Justin from Samford said—

After several close calls I was also eventually involved in a serious accident at the Lilley Road intersection. Luckily survived.

Nicole from Armstrong Creek said—

In 2003, my car was hit at this spot. It gives me the shivers every time I drive past this intersection as it is still just as dangerous.

Emily from Warner said—

It's the worst intersection ever.

Lisa from Yugar said—

I'm driving through it daily. Even though lights are annoying something has to be done. My best friend and her partner nearly lost their lives in this exact spot!!!! Needs to be done!

Ella from Cedar Creek said—

The junction sucks, I've seen so many near misses there, I always see glass on the road from a recent crash (once even a tyre rim). Could people just drive better? Yes but they're not so??? Please fix.

Lastly, Cath from Cashmere says—

Let's treat this as a matter of urgency.

I could not agree more. This is a dangerous road in our community and I am imploring the Minister for Main Roads, the member for Miller, to make this road safer for my community. Thank you to everybody who has signed on to the petition to send that really strong message to the minister that we need improvements in this space. The fixes to date have not worked. We need a major safety upgrade along the stretch of Eatons Crossing Road but particularly that Lilley Road intersection. Again thank you to my community members who have been involved in this study. I am a strong voice in this area.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Member for Pine Rivers, even though it was a quote it was unparliamentary.

Ms BOYD: I withdraw.