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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.22 pm): For years I have been fighting to make Eatons Crossing Road in my community a safer road to travel. That is why last week I was so pleased to join the minister to announce a major safety improvement makeover for the road that will go from Eatons Hill through to Samford Village. It is a busy arterial road in my community, with some 14,000 motorists using the road each and every day. One of the things I have been calling for over the last several months is a full safety upgrade across the length of the road. It was fantastic to meet with the minister to announce this improvement for our local community.

At the intersection of Eatons Crossing Road and Lilley Road we are going to put in new traffic signals. TMR looked at all of the options, including roundabout lights or just leaving it as it was, but this intersection is located on a curving alignment and it currently operates under give-way conditions. We have seen improvements done on a number of occasions at this intersection—one shortly after I was elected in 2015 and another that lowered the speed limit in the area—but we continue to see accidents and fatalities on this stretch of road.

These safety improvements, aside from the upgrade to Lilley Road, will include road widening for centre lane treatments, enforcement bays, safety barrier installations and motorcycle safety rails at designated locations. Of course this will mean that the road will be safer for everyone in the community to use. As well, 46 direct jobs will come out of the project. Our local wildlife rescuers have been lobbying for a long time to see improvements for our fauna in this section, so we will also put in koala signage. On top of this, the road will also be safer for cyclists. We will also upgrade several of the intersections along the road to ensure there are channelised turn lanes so vehicles can separate from the road in order to turn. That will be on Clear Mountain Road, Mount Sampson Road and Lascelle Court.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all in the community who came to me advocating for this improvement for our local community. It was an opportunity for me to hear a number of really harrowing stories from the community around their near misses on the intersection of Lilley Road, which are determined very heavily by driver judgement. Not only were there a lot of misses but I also heard about some accidents. I am happy to make these improvements—

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