




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Comments by Member for Oodgeroo, Apology; Redlands Youth Justice and Ice Addiction Forum

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.26 pm): Last sitting week I spoke about the tragic deaths of Matt Field and Kate Leadbetter and their unborn baby son. This incident continues to have a deep impact on the local Redlands community and our thoughts remain with all concerned. In mentioning the perpetrator, it has been pointed out that I may have been in breach of the standing orders. It was not my intention to stray from the standing orders in respect of sub judice. Therefore, I unreservedly apologise to the House.

Out of this tragedy the Redlands Youth Justice and Ice Addiction Forum was convened. Hosted by the Redlands Local Drug Action Team, it was encouraging to see a large number of local residents and no less than 22 expert agencies come together on Friday, 12 February 2021 to participate in discussions. The purpose was to put forward community driven recommendations to specific ministries, state and federal, for an enhanced youth justice system.

I was pleased to attend this forum and would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Redlands Local Drug Action Team and a range of other groups and individuals who attended: youth ambassadors from across the Redlands; Love and Hope Redlands; Youth YOU Program; police and ex-police officers; Traction youth program; Australian Drug Foundation; Queensland Injectors Health Network; Linda Grieve and the Cage Youth Foundation; Sarina Russo; Redlands Coast Chamber of Commerce; Australian Industry Trade College and its students; Alcolizer Technology Cleveland; Redlands Psychologists; Headspace; Metro South Primary Health Network; Queensland Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies; local legal practitioners; federal MP for Bowman, Andrew Laming; Frank Pearce from the Redland City Council; and, importantly, the parents and youth in attendance. All provided extremely valuable input.

Discussions focused on six areas: early intervention; judicial/legislative reform; employment and diversion; community policing; addiction, detox and rehab; and serious/repeat offenders. Participants worked in groups and ideas were workshopped into a comprehensive draft white paper that has now been finalised to be presented in federal parliament. The forum was a great success, testament to the strong commitment of Redlands people to give so willingly of their time, knowledge and expertise to help make a change. I am proud to represent a community that works together to put forward suggestions for a better youth justice system. I look forward to further sharing their views on another occasion and presenting a copy of the white paper to this parliament.