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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (10.04 am): This morning outside parliament we unveiled a new element of Queensland's vaccination campaign, this one involving our frontline emergency services workers. Frontline emergency response vehicles will be adorned with a magnetised sticker bearing the message: 'Our JOB saves lives, your JAB saves lives'. The sticker will be distributed to more than 6,000 first responder vehicles. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Queensland Fire and Emergency Services for their efforts in producing and supporting this awareness campaign. They truly have done an extraordinary effort to get these materials together and distributed.

It is a very simple message from our emergency services and it is so true. Their jobs save lives, and Queenslanders' jabs can also save lives. Right now we need everyone to be like a first responder, because right now every Queenslanders is on the front line. COVID is coming. Unless you are fully vaccinated, you may be vulnerable. The statistics do not lie. If you are fully vaccinated you have an 86 per cent lower chance of catching the virus and passing it on. If you are fully vaccinated you have a 90 per cent lower chance of dying from COVID.

There is no shortage of vaccination clinics. This weekend surf lifesaving clubs are having a vaxathon, with more than 20 surf lifesaving clubs hosting vaccinations clinics. We are also taking our message to the skies this weekend. This weekend we will have an aircraft towing a banner urging everyone to 'Be a lifesaver—get a jab'. I again express my thanks to Queensland Fire and Emergency Services but also to Surf Life Saving Queensland and Queensland Health for their efforts in ensuring the surf lifesaving club vaxathon is a success this weekend.

I urge every Queenslanders to be a lifesaver and get a jab. Be like a first responder, because their job saves lives and a Queenslanders' jab will save lives. It could make all the difference for Queenslanders, for their loved ones and for their fellow citizens. We are all in this together.