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
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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Samford Road, Safety Upgrades**

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (6.30 pm): For the last few weeks consultation has been open on the Samford Road safety upgrades between Camp Mountain and the Lomandra picnic area. This is a known crash location and the department has secured funding under the Targeted Road Safety Program to make improvements. As I said, consultation has been open for some weeks on a plan, and the community's feedback is coming in thick and fast.

Works proposed include: resurfacing, guardrails, shoulder widening, wide centre line treatments to separate through traffic and reduce the potential for head-on and loss-of-control crashes, drainage improvements, lighting, signage and pavement rehab. This section of road has seen too many serious injuries with head-on and run-off crashes. A couple of weeks ago in the wet on a single day it was the site of three separate crashes.

I want to update the House on the feedback I am hearing from my community loud and clear. Residents want this road improved. They are embracing the resurfacing. They are so keen to see the Camp Mountain Road intersection upgraded, but they are vehemently opposed to the removal of the 750-metre westbound overtaking lane.

I want to assure the community that I am hearing your feedback. I am reading every email, which are now in their hundreds. I understand your feedback. Today the member for Ferny Grove and I met with high level staff at TMR. This is the third meeting I have had with the team this month where we have discussed this project. We know that along this stretch speed is a large contributor to the crash data. Generally, vehicles, including heavy vehicles heading to Samford, travel the 70 kilometre an hour speed limit. In the overtaking lane motorists are exceeding 80 kilometres per hour. For a fortnight four speed counters along the stretch recorded vehicles travelling at speeds of over 137 kilometres an hour. I table for the benefit of the House a crash history and westbound speed data.

*Tabled paper:* Queensland government map titled 'Samford Road safety improvements project' [204](#).

Today I called on TMR to provide an alternative to removing the overtaking lane. I have proposed that resurfacing, safety upgrades through this stretch and point-to-point speed cameras be installed as an alternative to removing the overtaking lane. This should be in conjunction with better cyclist signage to direct them to the dedicated cycleway, which will eliminate the issue with cyclists in this stretch climbing up the hill. This will also help with the speed issues that our community faces.

Community feedback on this proposal remains open until Friday, 5 March. I strongly encourage locals to share their views by submitting feedback via my website. Please have your say. I am committed to being a strong advocate for a workable solution for all.