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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (5.59 pm): South Pine Road is the major arterial road that runs through the middle of my electorate of Everton. It is a road that has become problematic. It is a road that was not designed to take the amount of traffic it does now after developments in the north-west of Brisbane and beyond in the Moreton Bay region. Tonight I am making a plea to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads about a particular section of South Pine Road, and that is the section immediately outside Everton Park State School.

That is a primary school whose P&C association has wanted me on a number of occasions to represent their interests with regard to the safety of their children who have to cross South Pine Road. I have now written to the minister on at least seven occasions over the last two years to take some action after a series of accidents—and they continue to occur, most recently just a week ago.

The department has done a number of things. Through my lobbying, we brought about the 40-kilometre-per-hour speed limit during school hours, which has been very warmly received by the school community. There have been upgrades to the signalling. There has been some non-slip surface applied to the road to help with the grip. The intersection of South Pine Road and Dargie Street is at the crest of a hill and it is very dangerous.

The school community is asking for the erection of some protective barriers to protect the children. The school fence abuts this road. It has been damaged due to cars careering off the road and going into the school fence right beside the footpath that schoolkids use frequently. In fact, the part of the school behind the school fence has been designated a no-go zone by the school for the protection of the students.

My plea to the minister tonight is to listen to what the school community is saying. Yes, there has been some work done, but that work has not gone far enough, particularly in relation to the protection of school students. We are asking that something is done immediately.

I would also appreciate a reply from the Minister for Transport and Main Roads on when the Everton link road is going to open. It would be polite to answer.