




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Everton Park State School, Road Safety

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (9.44 pm): I rise to speak about an issue in my electorate outside Everton Park State School. There is a dangerous issue with regard to the crossing at the corner of Dargie Street and Old Northern Road. It is on a rise. This is a particularly dangerous intersection and corner in that cars have careened into the fence of the school on many occasions going north, and then going south cars have careened into the brick wall of a house on so many occasions I cannot keep count.

I have written to the transport and main roads minister about this intersection on numerous occasions and I will concede that the minister has approved some work that has improved the intersection. It has made it wider and made it a better surface—there is antigrip surface on the intersection—but there is a fundamental issue with regard to the protection of children which the P&C is still very concerned about.

Around the intersection on the corners the school basically has wire fences just like a suburban house which of course stops kids from falling onto the road, which is appropriate, but is no barrier at all with regard to cars that might careen through there. There have been numerous accidents. We have been fortunate to date that none of this has happened during school peak time, but parents are really concerned about it.

The school has to allocate resources in the afternoons to supervise those crossings because it is so concerned about it as well. There is actually a section of the school that is a no-go zone because it is worried that cars might careen through the fence and hurt a student. We have started a petition to fix this—to remedy this situation—and that petition is about building an overhead pedestrian bridge to ensure the safety of our children. That is an online petition at the moment. I have also been at the school in the afternoons and mornings to gain more signatures.

Parents are very concerned. It is a major safety concern for our children. We should do everything possible to ensure that our children are safe. I urge the transport and main roads minister to heed these calls and to bring in safety measures that will ensure our children will be able to cross safely and sit and stand on the corner without the fear of being hit by a speeding car. I ask the minister to respond.