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Bali Bombings, 20th Anniversary

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.49 am): Today marks the 20th anniversary of the Bali bombings. Late at night in 2002 three bombs were detonated at the Sari Club, Paddy's Bar and outside the American consulate. A total of 202 people from 20 countries lost their lives, including 88 Australians. Among those who died were seven Queenslanders: David Kent, Robert Thwaites, Nathan Swain, Jared Gane, Billy Hardy, Jodie Cearnas and Julie Stevenson.

The Bali bombings were then, and still are, the largest loss of Australian life due to a terrorist attack in history. I take this opportunity to again condemn the terrorism, violence and hate behind this tragedy and to honour and remember the victims of this terrible event.

As a mark of mourning and respect to those who lost their lives in Bali, the Australian and Queensland flags are being flown at half-mast today. This is occurring at all buildings and establishments occupied by Australian and Queensland government departments and affiliated agencies. A memorial service will be held at Parliament House in Canberra and local services are also taking place around Australia, including one tonight at Allambe Memorial Park on the Gold Coast. Twenty years on, our thoughts continue to be with the survivors, the families and the loved ones of this unspeakable tragedy.