



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR CURRUMBIN**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Tallebudgera State School, Parking

 **Mrs GERBER** (Currumbin—LNP) (6.01 pm): For years now, the Tallebudgera State School and the school community has been suffering with a critical shortage of parking for parents and carers. The lack of parking is, quite frankly, dangerous for our kids and it is causing major road use problems for both road users and local businesses. Parents and carers are forced to queue through the roundabout and use the bus lane for parking, creating a traffic hazard that is extremely dangerous just to pick their kids up from school. Many parents have contacted me to try to get more parking for the school. Jennifer said—

I witnessed a boy run across the road into the side of an oncoming car. It is beyond a joke and it has gone on for way too long.

Shirley said—

It is not only the parents picking their kids up from school who are affected, it is very dangerous for all of us who live out there. The ducking and diving as parents try to get parks in no parking spots is very dangerous. Trying to get home during school time is hopeless.

Sue said—

Is it going to take a tragedy before the government does anything?

Why does it always take a tragedy before this state government listens and acts? Our community has been crying out for a parking solution for years. I will not wait for a tragedy. I have spent hours talking with distressed parents and members of the Tallebudgera State School P&C. I have arranged traffic meetings with stakeholders and Tallebudgera State School. I have launched a community petition. I have spent hours doorknocking and letterboxing the petition all over the catchment area to try to get support so that the minister might listen and take some action. Today I have a petition signed by 611 people. I table an electronic version of the petition for the benefit of the House.

*Tabled paper:* Nonconforming petition titled 'Petition for better parking at Tallebudgera State School' [1688](#).

I have spoken about this issue on the floor of parliament numerous times, I have asked various ministers questions on notice, and I have also written to the Minister for Education imploring her to take action to fix Tallebudgera State School's parking problem. I have put our solution on the table. Adjacent to the school is a large undeveloped, state-owned parcel of land that has been vacant for so long and the Tallebudgera State School and I have proposed that that be repurposed for parking. Frustratingly, the minister has advised us that the land we have proposed has been determined unviable and unable to be used for additional parking. Disappointingly, over this whole period of time—years, in fact—not one solution has been proposed by the minister. This is not good enough. I have also requested the minister to disclose the review which determines the land unviable so that we can ensure that our option has been exhaustively looked at.

I will not give up on Tallebudgera State School. I will not give up on our community. I will continue to fight for the parking that our state school community deserves, and I will continue to ensure that the Minister for Education hears our pleas. I will not give up on this issue for our Tallebudgera State School. They deserve safer parking options.