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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Pine Rivers Electorate, Samford Road Upgrade

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.39 pm): It is a pleasure to rise this afternoon and update the House around a significant project in my community. Samford Road is a major connector in the south-west of my electorate. I know that it is a road that is very important to the member for Ferny Grove, and he has been advocating for and delivering some fantastic safety upgrades.

In 2021 safety upgrades were proposed to Samford Road from the Lomandra Access Road picnic area right up to the Camp Mountain Road intersection. My community has been vocal in that period of time around what those safety works include. It was proposed that there be resurfacing and guardrails, shoulder widening and wide centre line treatments, as well as drainage improvements and lighting, signage and pavement rehabilitation as well. The contentious point that existed within the proposal was the removal of the westbound overtaking lane. That was something the community was extraordinarily vocal on.

In March of this year I updated the House and outlined that we had received 324 separate community responses around the project upgrades and that 250 of those 324 opposed the removal of the overtaking lane. Only 27 respondents supported the removal of the overtaking lane. The minister for Main Roads is here with us today. I commend him, his staff and his department for working with us and persevering to put a common-sense solution in place.

I am pleased to report to the community that we have landed on something that has been secured due to the valuable community feedback we received. We will be delivering the upgrades through that section along with the retention of the westbound overtaking lane. All of the safety improvements will be made and the overtaking lane will stay. This is such a critical corridor for my community. We know 13,000 locals use it each and every day. The safety upgrades are imperative to ensure that people can get to work and come home safely. It required an additional amount of funding: \$1.8 million extra needed to be secured for a bigger, better design through the section.

I congratulate all of those community members who were very active through the consultation period. Some of those submissions were extraordinarily lengthy and detailed; we appreciated them very much. It has helped us to get to a good place.