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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Toowoomba South Electorate**

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (7.06 pm): One of the most important things you can do as the local member is to continue to fight for those particular projects that provide community safety. This is something that I take very seriously from corner to corner of my electorate in terms of those areas that we need to work on to improve community safety and develop community infrastructure. Tonight I want to talk about some of the projects that are key throughout my electorate, including the Glenvale State School drop-off and pick-up zone, which has been delivered. Some 2,000 cars go up and down Glenvale Road. We have the drop-off and pick-up zone delivered now which is providing extra security for the kids and staff, but now I want to see some flashing lights on McDougall Street. A lot of kids cross over McDougall Street. I want to make sure that we get the flashing lights there as soon as we possibly can to protect our kids, staff and families.

Further across in Glenvale is the Toowoomba West Men's Shed. The Men's Shed was set up by Murray many years ago, a mental health worker. It provides a great support to older men in the community. It is time for them to get an upgrade. I met with them recently. Rob, the new president, is looking for an upgrade. I want to keep fighting for that because the least we can offer our older citizens is that support as they age in a place where they can go and be comfortable and share their lives with each other.

Further across the electorate is Darling Heights State School. Three kids have been hospitalised in the last six years from accidents there. I want to make sure that we get the signage right and we get additional flashing lights, because the kids at Darling Heights State School deserve that. I stood recently with Jessica and her young lad, who had been narrowly missed by a vehicle. We really need to fix that and make sure we get security and safety there again for the children and staff getting to and from school.

I want to spend some time talking about Neighbourhood Watch. It plays a vital role. Toowoomba has been through a terrible crime wave over the last 12 to 18 months. We need to make sure that people and the community are equipped with what they need to look out for each other. That is why I am calling for additional funding into some Neighbourhood Watch groups for additional support. I think of Ken who is running the Neighbourhood Watch out of Rangeville which covers Middle Ridge and Centenary Heights. I think of Brian who has done an amazing job at Harristown with his team. We want to get that Neighbourhood Watch up and going again because it offers valuable support across the community, sharing with each other, making sure people are looking out for each other.

Finally, I want to make sure that we get the parking that we need at Gabbinbar State School. I recently caught up with Lisa and a whole bunch of other mums including Sally, Steph and Emma. We have to make sure that there are additional car parks there. The council recently came through and

gave a whole bunch of families parking tickets. That is not good enough. We need to get that park sorted on the corner of Stenner and MacKenzie streets, get additional parks and make sure that those students and their families can get to and from school safely.

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