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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Road Safety Week

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (2.49 pm): I rise to make a contribution on Road Safety Week. It is appropriate in Road Safety Week to talk about the positive work being done by student leaders at Pimpama State Secondary College. I met with student leaders at the school on 9 June at a road safety meeting called by the students themselves. The meeting was chaired by Caleb. Other attendees included the principal Megan Roderick and teacher Caitlin McMahon. Others at the meeting were Heparuna, Oceania, Zachary, Charlotte, Katherine and April.

We saw the You Choose ads and discussed how last year's school captains were inspired to create some road safety ads after attending a community You Choose Road Safety presentation. I was pleased to have facilitated a partnership with the Glass Media Group and Gold Coast TAFE to make this project come to life as a shared community project, premiering at Event Cinemas.

I was also briefed by various students about issues in and around Pimpama State Secondary College but more broadly around the Coomera electorate. Indeed, I was told of some dangers that existed at exit 49 on the M1 at Pimpama, which were a definite threat to student safety and of course the safety of others. Caleb shared his experience of being hit by a car. It was interesting that the driver of the car was in rather a hurry. It was all recorded on video. This driver decided they did not want to wait in the line of traffic, so they decided to cut down one side and scoot around at the same time that Caleb was looking to cross the road and had been given the right of way by the vehicle ready to cross the roundabout to do so. He was unfortunately hit. Fortunately he had a backpack on. He was on his way to a sports event. His backpack was full of clothes. He landed on his back and he sustained very little injury as a result.

Zac also shared his experience of another very close call. Mrs McMahon talked about the fact that she almost hit a student in a similar scenario. Indeed, she was about to commence chastising the student for being so foolish as to cross the road in that particular area only to discover that that was the recommended area for the student to cross.

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