




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Premier) (9.42 am): Queenslanders looked on in horror at the weekend as events unfolded at Westfield Bondi Junction. I know I speak for every person in this House when I express my deepest condolences to all those affected by the horrific and violent attack. I am sending my best wishes for a quick recovery to those impacted in another terrible attack in Sydney last night. These events have rocked the nation and they have reminded us of the bravery our police display every day to keep us safe.

Queensland will provide whatever assistance we can to New South Wales as they progress their investigations. Our agencies, including Queensland Health and the Queensland Police Service, are assisting the New South Wales Police Force with whatever they may need. We know major events such as this often create angst and nervousness in the community, particularly around busy public spaces. As a precaution, the Queensland Police Service has increased its presence at shopping centres in Queensland with additional patrols and business walk-throughs. We must make sure we are doing everything we can to keep the community safe and feeling safe.

We are fortunate events like this are rare in Australia, but that means when they do occur the shock can be enormous. Our greatest asset is our strength and resilience and our ability to come together as a nation to support each other.