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Mollee, Ms J; Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month

Ms McMilLAN (Mansfield—ALP) (9.12 pm): Tonight I begin by paying my respects to a young Upper Mount Gravatt resident, Jocelyn Grace Mollee, who was tragically killed in a car crash on the Bruce Highway on the Easter long weekend. Our hearts are with Jocelyn's family, friends and loved ones. This is a devastating loss for our local community.

Jocelyn was just 22 years old, a student at the University of Queensland studying in her fourth year of chemical engineering, something her mother said she was incredibly passionate about. She had a passion for water quality and for making sure people have access to sufficient and clean water. Amanda, Jocelyn's mother, a teacher at San Sisto College, has remembered Jocelyn as a gentle soul who was going to be a pillar of our society. Jocelyn was smart, she was kind, she had a wicked sense of humour and a sense of adventure. She wanted to live life to the fullest. She could make people talk and she could make people laugh. She had a love of books and loved nature. This is a great loss for our local community. I extend my deepest sympathies to Jocelyn's family and friends and to all those who are hurting in our community at the moment.

Today marks the beginning of Queensland Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. The theme for 2025 is 'Take positive action today to build a safer Queensland'. This initiative aims to raise awareness, highlight support services and send a clear message that violence in our communities will not be tolerated in any part of Queensland. This May will also see Labor's coercive control legislation take effect. From 26 May 2025, coercive control will become a criminal offence in Queensland thanks to a Labor government. The legislation aims to save lives and improve the safety of women and children. Labor remains committed to supporting organisations, businesses and individuals in understanding coercive control and domestic violence, raising awareness in a trauma-informed way and helping bystanders recognise, speak up and assist victims.

National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day in Australia is on 7 May. It is a day to remember those lost to family violence and to make inroads into ending such violence. Across Queensland there will be candlelight vigils held on 7 May 2025. I acknowledge my good friend Joan Pease, the member for Lytton, who will be hosting a candlelight vigil in Lytton. I encourage everyone to attend one of these events. I will also be hosting a memorial this Saturday, 3 May, in conjunction with the Red Rose Foundation, of which I was a board member, and local Rotary clubs. This is an annual community memorial service to remember those who have lost their lives through domestic and family violence. This event starts at 4 pm and I hope to see everyone there.