



Speech By  
**Hon. Deb Frecklington**


**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Nanango Electorate**

 **Hon. DK FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity) (2.16 pm): I add my welcome to those hardworking Gold Coast councillors.

I would like to talk about Harlin State School. As people in this chamber may know, I talk about it each and every year. It is one of my nearly 50 schools. It is a beautiful little school nestled in the Brisbane Valley. I give a big shout-out to Henrietta, Blake and Harlon, who are the proud 2025 school captains. It was an honour to visit—I have been every year since they were in prep—and present their badges. We know that small schools make the world go around. They shape well-rounded, confident little individuals, offering unique opportunities for growth and connection. Again, thank you to Harlin State School.

This weekend the mighty Cooyar show is on. I cannot wait for Jason and I to get out there. Please come out and support it. President Scott Duncombe, Brianna, Paul and their team are putting on a brilliant show weekend. They have put together an exciting program, so get out there to the bull and bronc event at the end of the Cooyar show on Saturday night. As a proud sponsor of the Cooyar show, I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. It is the start of the show season for the Nanango electorate. I have one nearly every weekend.

In my remaining time I would like to talk about the beauty of the Nanango electorate. For many years, rural communities like yours, Mr Deputy Speaker Lister, and the Minister for Local Government's have had to contend with a shortage of health professionals, but here is the exciting part. The Nanango electorate is not just a rewarding place to work; it is an extraordinary place to live and play. We have vibrant communities, stunning countryside and a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere. It is the perfect spot to build that meaningful career and bring up your kids. There are amazing little schools as well. You just know that tight-knit communities, like many of mine, are where volunteers come from. That is where community spirit comes from. People dedicate their time to the hardworking SES and rural fires. To all of those people who travelled north to help their further north cousins, thank you. I also give a big shout-out to all of our hardworking police, who worked overtime arresting all of these extra little kids under the Making Queensland Safer Laws.