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ADJOURNMENT

Drugs, Testing

 **Mr J KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (9.22 pm): I would like to thank Mr Mike McLean for taking more time to show concern around pill testing and for sending a letter to his local member, which I now read for him. It reads—

Avoiding the death of a recreational drug user is not a matter for moral judgement. It is a matter of family and community concern. Families want their teenagers and young adult children to survive the experimental stage of their introduction to decision making. Unfortunately some people do and will continue to make poor choices around this.

I table that letter.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 30 August 2025, from Mr Mike McLean, to the member for Sandgate, Ms Bisma Asif MP, regarding the shutting down of facilities that test pills and other recreational drugs [1290](#).

We have come a long way since 2019 when the member for Moggill introduced a petition into this parliament supporting a call for pill testing! Haven't we moved a long way! Haven't we moved a long way since the Premier of this state stood up and said that he was going to reintroduce accountability and transparency!

What have we seen in this place today? We have seen nothing but an absolute disgrace. Speaker after speaker has attempted to deal with pill testing only to be silenced. The health minister stood up and said, 'This was our position before the election and since the election.' Why didn't he put a bill together and put it before the health committee? Tonight he released a report into pill testing. Did he give that to the health committee? Did he give us the chance to scrutinise that. I see the member for Southport sitting opposite not in his seat interjecting. Why was that not put before our committee so we could have considered it and talked to the experts about it? We did not do that.

This is not accountability. This is not transparency. This is pre-Bjelke-Petersen rubbish and those opposite should be ashamed of themselves. Here is something else the Premier said. He said, 'We want doctors and nurses to be in charge of hospitals. We want doctors and nurses in charge of health care', except when they actually try to be in charge of health care—which is what they are employed to do—and when they give us advice that does not match up with their extreme right-wing ideology. When they give us advice that will keep people safe, particularly young Queenslanders, they ignore those doctors and nurses and put them back in their box and tell them that they are not in charge.

What about this clanger: 'We're going to keep Queenslanders safe where they are.' Except if it is at schoolies. Except if it is at a music festival. Except if it is in a safe night out precinct. Except if you made the mistake of trying a drug, but we could have put something in place to keep you safe. No, you are not going to be safe!

Those opposite are making a moral judgement and young Queenslanders will die! We will see more Josh Tams as a result of this decision made in this House. No wonder those opposite did not want to speak about this! No wonder they filibustered about the very important fire service! No wonder they

did that! They are disgraced! They should hang their heads in shame! I will be here every day reminding them! If any young Queenslander gets hurt, we will be reminding them that they are directly responsible for this! We need pill testing now!

(Time expired)