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Moreton Bay Says No to Violence Annual Walk

 **Ms DOOLEY** (Redcliffe—LNP) (11.14 pm): Tonight I rise to speak about our upcoming Moreton Bay Says No to Violence annual walk being hosted in Redcliffe on Friday, 30 May. May is Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month. Around our state events are being held to remember those who have tragically lost their lives to domestic and family violence and also to raise awareness and empower individuals and communities to prevent and support those experiencing domestic and family violence.

Firstly, I acknowledge Encircle Redcliffe Neighbourhood Centre for their leadership in hosting the walk, in partnership with a steering committee and thanks to generous sponsorship from the City of Moreton Bay. The Moreton Bay Says No to Violence annual walk originated with annual events associated with White Ribbon Day events. Encircle Redcliffe have been hosting these peaceful walks for 17 years. For 12 years I have been involved on the steering committee and commend the commitment of Encircle to continue hosting this event.

Over time in the region, awareness of the importance of advocacy has grown. Pre COVID, our largest walk attracted around 700 attendees. The annual Redcliffe walk provides an opportunity for members of our community to stand up. Organisations, providers, businesses, schools—such as Redcliffe State High School, Clontarf Beach State High School, Humpybong State School, Clontarf Beach State School and Kippa-Ring State School—community leaders and residents come together to advocate, educate and lead conversations in the broader community.

Tragically, in 2025 nationally 24 women have died through domestic and family violence in 2025. One woman, one child, one man is one too many. I acknowledge men who are also victims of domestic and family violence and coercive control. I commend the brave men in my electorate of Redcliffe who have come to see me to discuss their situations and ask for more support for men in this space. I commend the work of UnitingCare, which run the Men Choosing Change program in Redcliffe and are seeing great outcomes through the support they offer for behaviour change.

I commend the work of Minister Amanda Camm in introducing the Domestic and Family Violence Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025, which will give police the laws they need to protect victims in a timely manner through police protection directives. I invite all members to join me in Redcliffe for Moreton Bay Says No to Violence walk and take our community pledge: I will not remain silent, I will not excuse abuse, I will take a stand against violence.