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 **Ms DOOLEY** (Redcliffe—LNP) (2.55 pm): Firstly, I want to put on the record my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of 17-year-old Olivia Chivers, who was tragically fatally struck in a hit and run in Margate, Redcliffe this week. I want to thank the residents who were with Olivia at the time she died and I thank them for their first aid. I thank our police for their actions to arrest the person responsible swiftly.

I also rise to update the House on a matter of public importance in my electorate of Redcliffe. This week I launched my supportive housing campaign to see housing provided to those with complex needs. Supportive housing gives people the stability they need to turn their lives around while easing pressure on frontline services. It is a proven model that helps keep our communities safer, stronger and more connected.

Redcliffe urgently needs its own supportive housing project to give vulnerable locals a proven pathway out of homelessness and back into community life. We have situations right now where many sleeping rough in Redcliffe and Moreton Bay who are offered emergency housing refuse it. We have those with drug and substance addictions using and sleeping near children's playgrounds, leaving their used drug paraphernalia and rubbish in public spaces and parks, causing dangerous health risks to others. It is completely unacceptable. Many in Redcliffe report to me their concerns that our public parks and spaces are being taken over by people with addictions, with complex mental health, carrying weapons and refusing the offer of services extended to them and that they are becoming increasingly violent.

Just this week Encircle Redcliffe, which provides specialist homelessness services, had to close due to escalating violence and threats of aggression and abuse towards its staff from some of those sleeping rough. We also saw the incident in Caboolture on Monday involving a shooting and stabbing perpetrated by someone from a homeless encampment. We also had a defenceless man beaten with a pole in a toilet block in Suttons Beach in front of Redcliffe park runners by someone claiming to be homeless. I have personally seen those sleeping rough carrying large knives, posing serious threats to public safety.

We are working hand in glove with the City of Moreton Bay council, specialist housing services, the Redcliffe Breakfast Club, the Salvation Army and local police to find solutions that work for all. However, we will not accept or tolerate violence, threatening behaviour, weapons, public drug use and abuse against the very staff trying to help them. I want to put on the record to Minister O'Connor: thank you for the Moreton Bay Youth Foyer. Every Queenslanders deserves a safe place to call home.