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ADJOURNMENT

Algester Electorate; Neighbourhood Watch, CCTV Cameras

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (9.18 pm): Over the past few years in my electorate of Algester I have had the privilege of working closely with the fast growing community of Pallara. Through community forums, planning meetings hosted in my office and local events in the park with the Queensland Police Service one thing has been clear: there is a real passion and dedication from local residents to make our community safer and stronger.

Across the Algester electorate I have seen firsthand the incredible work of local Neighbourhood Watch groups that work closely with the Queensland Police Service and local residents to ensure connectedness, safety and knowledge of local issues. The Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch, for instance, proudly holds the title of the longest running Neighbourhood Watch group in the state. It has had a real impact in reducing crime and strengthening that community's security. They have hosted numerous community events, supported the community's efforts to connect the community and provided trusted information and advice to help the community remain a safe place to live. Seeing the impact of the Forestdale Neighbourhood Watch, I have advocated for and been working with a variety of interested community members and the QPS to support the establishment of a formally recognised Pallara Neighbourhood Watch group, and I remain committed to helping the community establish this important group.

More recently, I have been working alongside members of our community toward a significant step forward in local safety, securing two fixed CCTV cameras in Pallara. This meaningful boost to our security infrastructure is proposed as a direct response to the concerns and ideas raised by residents. On 31 August 2024, the former Labor Miles government committed to install two fixed CCTV cameras for the suburb if re-elected. These CCTV cameras are designed to increase community safety through real-time CCTV camera monitoring and recording, allowing the Queensland Police Service to identify offending vehicles and determine their locations as they travel between suburbs. When conducting mobile offices, calling residents, doorknocking and attending community meetings, it was clear that the Pallara community supported this added layer of protection and welcomed the installation of this infrastructure.

During the 2024 election I called on all other candidates to match the commitment to ensure that, regardless of the election outcome, Pallara residents would have infrastructure that supported home and community safety. Unfortunately, the LNP candidate—who spent a lot of time talking about crime—failed to match this very practical, important local commitment and essentially left the Pallara community in limbo when it came to the strengthening of community safety. The LNP were obviously all about slogans but not interested in actual substance.

This week I wrote to the Minister for Police, formally requesting that the two CCTV cameras that I committed to Pallara be considered in the 2025-26 state budget. This would ensure that residents of Pallara have the same level of security as residents in other suburbs located in my electorate such as

Forestdale and other areas of Brisbane and Logan so that the QPS can continue to monitor vehicles travelling across suburbs. I call on the LNP government to back away from slogans and deliver on substance for the people of Pallara.