




Speech By
Hon. Shannon Fentiman

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Waterford Electorate, Road Safety

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (9.24 pm): As elected representatives we know how important road safety is. Every person in our community deserves to travel safely, whether it is to and from work, dropping the kids at school or simply going about their day. In the Waterford electorate, under the former Labor government, I was proud to deliver real improvements to make our roads safer—major upgrades to the M1, delivering more lanes and better public transport options. We also delivered important safety improvements along Brisbane-Beenleigh Road including major intersection upgrades. These projects are making a real difference.

While there has been some progress under much of our community under the former Labor government, some areas are being left behind. That is why tonight I rise to speak about the dangerous intersection at Chambers Flat Road and School Road in Logan Reserve. Residents are deeply worried about safety at this intersection. The member for Logan, Linus Power, is worried and I am worried, too. Residents have been raising concerns with us. They have been writing letters. They are rightly asking why nothing has been done.

The local LNP councillor for division 8, Jacob Heremaia, who is responsible for this intersection, has been missing in action. Jacob Heremaia, I might add, is the political protege of the former and current members of Oodgeroo. Now, back into the intersection. Joel Dobbins, a local resident wrote to me because, quite frankly, he has had enough. He had to put pen to paper because he did not wait until it was too late to take action. He said—

.. the fact that this treacherous intersection has not already been fixed despite it being identified as extremely dangerous and in need of upgrade is a horrible indictment of all of your collectively failure to cut through whatever bureaucracy and procurement issues you may be facing to achieve the required outcome.

He continued—

Cr. Heremaia; with a background as a Project Manager, qualifications in Procurement and Contracting, and as the local council Division 8 representative, you must act immediately.

Joel wants more action—not more waiting, not more silence. I table that correspondence.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 16 March 2025, from Logan resident and business owner, Mr Joel Dobbins, to City of Logan Division 8 Councillor, Cr Jacob Heremia, the member for Waterford, Hon. Shannon Fentiman MP and others, regarding Chambers Flat Road and School Road intersection [439](#).

Here's the thing: there is no excuse for this delay. The federal government actually gave the council funding for this project back in 2023. The money is there, ready to go, but what have we seen from the local LNP councillor? A newsletter and a couple of Facebook posts in the last month after the member for Logan and I have been out there calling on him to do something. It is not good enough.

This is about the safety of local families. Residents should not have to beg for action, they should not have to put pen to paper, they should not have to launch campaigns just to have safety at local intersections. I am calling on Councillor Heremaia to step up, do his job and give the community what they deserve. They have been waiting long enough. They deserve to see shovels in the ground—not just the odd Facebook update after the member for Logan and I demand better action.