



Speech By  
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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Everton Park, Roadworks**

 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (9.15 pm): I rise tonight to update the House on some significant roadworks that will be happening in my electorate. I am very appreciative of the transport and roads minister and his department that finally things are happening. Everton Park State School is on the crest of a hill and people are speeding through a set of lights there and, unfortunately, crashing. This happens on both sides of the road. On one side they crash into a corner property. The poor bloke there has probably had to fix his wall half a dozen times over the last few years. Just as concerning, on the other side, which is the school side, people coming the other way are losing control and going into the fence. That is obviously a concern for the parents of the students at Everton Park State School.

Most of these accidents, if not all, happen at night-time, not during the day when the kids are at school. The kids use the footpaths in both of those spots, though, so it is an area of great concern. Main Roads officials have been out there and have met with the school community to work out a solution. It is not straightforward. There are complexities with these things such as putting up barriers that are strong enough and long enough while at the same time still allowing the kids to use those corners to cross the road.

The department is going to resurface the road. There is an issue with the surface, particularly when it rains, that makes it harder to control vehicles. That will make a major difference. We had a similar issue down the road where people were losing control when it was wet and, again, crashing into one woman's house, which has probably happened a dozen times over a couple of years. It happened whenever it rained. That was very effective down there, so they will do the same thing up here. We are going to change some of the fencing, particularly on the school side. We will put up a barricade there, which will give some comfort to parents. We will also put a fence down the middle of the median strip to stop kids running across the road at the wrong place.

I am grateful for the engineers who came out and spoke in plain English to people like myself and others who do not understand all the technicalities of road engineering. I am delighted to say that that work will commence very shortly. That will make it a lot safer for our kids. It is really important for parents to know that their kids will be safe, and, of course, it is important that our kids are safe. I am looking forward to that. I thank the Minister for Transport and Main Roads for coming out and having a look himself and appreciating that it is a serious issue that we need to address.