

Question on Notice

No. 584

Asked on Thursday 4 April 2019

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number and location of fatalities on the section of the Warrego Highway in the Condamine Electorate in (a) 2018 and (b) until the end of March 2019?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Condamine for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) advises there have been two fatal car crashes on the Warrego Highway within the Condamine Electorate, which resulted in three fatalities.

These include:

- a) two fatalities at the intersection of the Warrego Highway and Brimblecombe Road in 2018
- b) one fatality approximately four kilometres east of Jondaryan in 2019.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to eliminating death and serious trauma on Queensland roads. When we launched the *Queensland Road Safety Strategy 2015–21*, we committed to an ultimate vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries and reducing trauma by 30 per cent by 2020. It may sound ambitious, but this is the only acceptable vision. Our second road safety action plan has 29 initiatives for implementation with stakeholders and all are well underway. TMR has begun work on consultation and planning for the next action plan in partnership with the Queensland Police Service.

Everyone in our community deserves to travel safely on our roads without the prospect of devastating consequences. We are committed to delivering safer roads, getting people into safer vehicles, encouraging safer road use and strengthening our partnerships to deliver our vision for zero deaths and serious injuries on Queensland roads.

Through the Targeted Road Safety Program (TRSP), the Palaszczuk Government has committed \$800 million of state funding in the current *Queensland Transport and Roads Infrastructure Program 2018–19 to 2021–22* to make Queensland roads safer. This includes \$112 million for safety upgrade projects on nine high-risk Queensland roads as part of the 'high-risk' roads initiative, and \$31.9 million to treat 54 high-priority road safety projects on state-controlled roads through the Safer Roads Sooner program.

In particular, funding under TRSP has gone towards the following road projects in the Condamine Electorate:

- upgrading the alignment of Drayton Connection Road, Newman Road and Luck Road intersection to improve safety. The project is to be delivered over the 2018–19 and 2019–20 financial years for a total cost of \$1.98 million
- providing safety improvements along a 2.25km section of Umbiram Road, including the installation of signage, barriers and edge lines. The project is to be delivered in 2019–20 with \$476,000 provided through the TRSP Black Spot Program.

This week, the Palaszczuk Government is proud to support National Road Safety Week, an initiative of Safer Australian Roads and Highways, a not-for-profit organisation established by Mr Peter Frazer to encourage people to raise awareness about how their driving affects others.

Through this year's theme 'Lead the way and drive so others survive', we are building recognition that everyone can be a leader for road safety through their own behaviour, by supporting those affected by road trauma and sharing road safety messages. Iconic landmarks across the State, including Parliament House, the Story Bridge, Sir Leo Hielscher Bridges and local town halls will be lit in yellow as a symbol of road safety from 6 May to 12 May 2019.

I look forward to working with the Member and other members of the Queensland Parliament to help deliver on our government's vision of zero fatalities and serious injuries on Queensland roads.