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ADJOURNMENT

Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road

Mr BOOTHMAN (Albert—LNP) (9.52 pm): I rise tonight to speak about a 4.8-kilometre stretch of Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road, a section of road that has claimed lives in recent years. On the section of road in question there have been 45 traffic accidents, two fatal collisions resulting in three deaths, 26 injurious collisions resulting in 39 injuries and 17 non-injurious collisions. The section of Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road between Stanmore Road, Wolffdene and Shaws Pocket Road, Luscombe is one of the most precarious sections of road in South-East Queensland.

Mr Crandon: Especially at night.

Mr BOOTHMAN: Especially at night; I certainly take the interjection from the member for Coomera. The road allows little or no room for error. It is a windy, hilly road with multiple crests with next to no shoulders for motorists. Furthermore, there are large gum trees within close proximity to the road meaning there is no room for error. To make matters worse, there are blind crests with corners that can be deceiving and have caused many motorists to shoot off the road. This is one of the most picturesque tourist routes in South-East Queensland. It is certainly a gateway to the Scenic Rim and Tamborine Mountain for both Brisbane and Logan commuters. The road weaves its way through the rolling hills and properties as it snakes its way along the Albert River.

Mr Rickuss: Across the Luscombe bridge.

Mr BOOTHMAN: Yes, across the Luscombe bridge. It is a picturesque place. There are beautiful sloping hills and there are lovely little valleys in there.

Unfortunately, when it comes down to it, a lot of heavy trucks use this road as they are utilised by the local quarries. That adds another element to the urgent need for this road to be looked at and fixed. Most dangerous of all is the fact that a lot of bicycle riders have been using this road in recent times to get up to Mount Tamborine. When heavy vehicles are travelling down roads which have very small shoulders and blind bends, it is a recipe for disaster for those individuals. As the police informed me, recently a bicycle rider suffered serious injuries to his legs from an accident with a heavy vehicle.

I will be writing to the Minister for Main Roads requesting that this road be put on the Safer Roads Sooner list to seek priority funding because it is claiming lives. It is a very serious situation in my electorate.