

residents, particularly those from east Innisfail, I say, 'Thank you for your patience'. Congratulations to all those involved with the planning and design. Congratulations go particularly to the workers on the construction of the bridge. It is 15.8 metres wide and 113 metres long. It was made with 1,360 tonnes of cement and 630 tonnes of steel. It truly is a magnificent achievement.

Eagleby South State School

Mr CRANDON (Coomera—LNP) (3.45 pm): Recently I met with Andrew Barnes, the principal of the Eagleby South State School. Since being appointed as principal at Eagleby South a few years ago, Andrew and his team have been doing some great work with the students there. I am proud to say that two of my children were students at Eagleby South back in the 1980s. I was reminded of that as we walked through the school and passed the Aboriginal garden, Mutooroo, which was established in 1980. I recall my children telling me about the bush tucker and medicinal elements of the garden. Andrew tells me that Eagleby South has an Indigenous teacher and the school is in the process of establishing a yarning circle within Mutooroo.

During our discussions Andrew was excited to tell me about many of the programs that have been established at Eagleby South. To date all of the efforts are bearing fruit in many ways. A measure of the fruits of their labours is the success that Eagleby South has achieved in the recent Tournament of Minds. I am proud to say that Eagleby South is in the state finals for the Tournament of Minds after having two school teams compete in the Brisbane regional finals on Saturday, 27 August. One team competed in the applied technology section while the other competed in social sciences. Andrew said both teams presented polished performances that clearly answered the long term question and displayed originality and flair. In addition, Eagleby South students provided creative answers to the short term problems, highlighting their ability to think on their feet and outside the square. The social sciences team earned first place, competing against a wide range of both state and private schools.

Andrew made the point that a big thankyou needs to be extended to one of his dedicated staff, Mrs Griffiths, for coaching and supporting the team. Both teams need to be congratulated for their efforts. A special congratulations goes to the social sciences team of Olivia Kennedy, Anastasia Romans, Dee Yeardeley, Kyra Brook and Katelin Brunne for earning first place. Those students will now compete in the state finals this coming Sunday, 11 September. I am sure that all members of this House will join me in congratulating the team and wishing them the best of luck on Sunday.

World Suicide Prevention Day 2011

Mrs SMITH (Burleigh—ALP) (3.47 pm): Each year on 10 September World Suicide Prevention Day is observed. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness around the world that suicide can be prevented. The World Health Organisation estimates that every year around the world about one million people die by suicide. All over the world there are people who feel so low that suicide seems like the only way out.

In Australia, suicide accounts for more than 2,000 deaths per annum, of which approximately 80 per cent are male. This year's theme is 'Preventing Suicide in Multicultural Communities'. All countries of the world are multicultural, with a variety of ethnic and religious groups living in the same society. While culture and customs may differ, suicide knows no boundaries.

Raising awareness of suicide is vital. Many suicides are preventable. Developing and implementing strategies to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, substance abuse and suicide is paramount. Research tells us that simply making contact with someone can help mitigate a person's risk. There is much evidence to show that a feeling of connectedness is the strongest factor in suicide prevention. That is where we all come in. Compassion, not judgment, is what is needed. Not all suicides can be prevented, but a majority of them can. If we can focus on the issue with the same vigour as we do the road toll, we can make a difference. Governments can fund programs, but only communities can wipe away the stigma.

Today, I particularly recognise Raylee Taylor of the Care for Life: Suicide Prevention Association on the Gold Coast. I truly believe there are people still with us today due to her unfailing efforts to promote awareness of this issue. We can all play a part in suicide prevention and we must never give up; too many people are depending on us!

RIGHT TO INFORMATION (GOVERNMENT-RELATED ENTITIES) AMENDMENT BILL

Introduction and Referral to the Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and

Emergency Services Committee

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (3.49 pm): I present a bill for an act to amend the Right to Information Act 2009 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee to consider the bill.

Tabled paper: Right to Information (Government-related Entities) Amendment Bill.

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The Right to Information (Government-related Entities) Amendment Bill 2011 will restore transparency and accountability of government by ensuring public authorities, including any corporation supported directly or indirectly by government funds or other assistance or over which the state, a minister or a department is in a position to exercise control, is subject to the Right to Information Act 2009.

On 17 September 2007, the Queensland government appointed an independent expert panel to undertake a comprehensive review of the then Freedom of Information Act 1992. The Freedom of Information Independent Review Panel prepared the 'Enhancing Open and Accountable Government' discussion paper of which more than 60 organisations, including the Queensland government, and individuals made submissions. On 10 June 2008, the panel chair, Dr David Solomon AM, delivered the Right to Information report making over 140 recommendations that included extending the definition of 'public authority' in the act to include bodies established for a public purpose and ensuring that all bodies established or funded by the government or are carrying out functions on behalf of the government are covered by freedom of information.

The recommendations sought to extend the application of right to information to entities such as City North Infrastructure Pty Ltd, a company which was established to represent the state and communities of Queensland on major infrastructure projects such as the combined Airport Link, Northern Busway and airport roundabout upgrade. City North Infrastructure Pty Ltd has blocked numerous submissions for right to information due to its structure as a special purpose vehicle, which allows for it to act as a private company despite being a wholly owned Queensland government operation.

I seek leave to incorporate the rest of my speech into *Hansard*. I have sought and received the approval of the Deputy Speaker.

Leave granted.

The Kalinga Woolloowin Residents' Association has unsuccessfully made submissions for right to information in regards to:

- The application of the Environmental impact statement conditions;
- The ambiguity and lack of clarity in the Coordinator-General's Conditions and Project Deed in relation to work conditions and community impacts;
- Why 24/7 surface construction has been allowed to occur in Brisbane residential communities when construction of this type has never before been allowed to occur in Queensland or elsewhere in Australia; And
- The role of City North Infrastructure overseeing this project.

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In concluding, I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and tireless efforts of the entire Kalinga Woolloowin Residents Association Committee, in particular the president, Brian Nally and secretary, Greg Davis.

First Reading

Mr BLEIJIE (Kawana—LNP) (3.50pm): I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Legal Affairs, Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services Committee.

~~PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS~~

~~AJ Wyllie Bridge~~

 **Ms MALE** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (3.51 pm): ~~I rise this afternoon to put on record the work that is being done on the replacement of the northbound AJ Wyllie Bridge. At this stage, the Department of Main Roads has been fast tracking the project and is on track to have the bridge replaced within 18~~