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LNP SHINES A LIGHT ON SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

Member for Hinchinbrook, Andrew Cripps, has welcomed the announcement today that an LNP Government in Queensland would invest \$10 million over four years in high visibility signs with flashing lights that operate when school zone speed limits are active.

Mr Cripps said the announcement today by LNP Leader John-Paul Langbroek and Transport and Main Roads Spokesperson, Fiona Simpson, demonstrated the LNP was committed to road safety issues by improving the visibility of speed limit signs in school zones.

“The safety of children arriving and leaving school is paramount. The LNP is committed to protecting school students as far as road safety is concerned. There were more than 10,000 motorists fined for speeding through school zones in 2007-08. In a recent survey, almost two-thirds of motorists reported accidentally speeding through school zones” said Mr Cripps.

“The flashing school zone lights will end any confusion about school zone times and act as an active reminder for drivers to slow down. School zone signs incorporating flashing lights have been installed in a handful of locations in Queensland and have been described as a great success in reducing speed within those school zones” he said.

“Schools with a significant crash history, a high level of car and pedestrian traffic, higher speed limits or visibility problems will be among the first schools to receive the electronic signs. The LNP’s \$10 million commitment will ensure that at least 75 Queensland schools will receive the flashing school zone signs each year” said Mr Cripps.

“The new signs would be similar to the normal school zone signs, but would incorporate flashing lights into the sign. The lights, which are solar powered, will flash during school zone periods. The LNP will fund this program from state revenue from speeding fines. The cost burden will not be thrown back on local schools or local councils” he said.

“This is great initiative by the LNP and shows it is listening to the concerns of all Queenslanders. I’m sure parents of school aged children will welcome this commitment from the LNP. It is a positive announcement about an important issue “said Mr Cripps.

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