

**SOUTHERN RIVER SCHOOLS — ELECTRONIC SPEED ZONE SIGNS**

*Statement by Member for Southern River*

**MR P. ABETZ (Southern River)** [12.54 pm]: I have been running a very long and, may I say, successful campaign in my electorate to get 40-kilometre-an-hour LED signs outside all schools in my electorate that are on busy roads. I consider that keeping our children as safe as possible is a very important priority. I am very pleased to report, thanks to writing letters to the Minister for Transport and making personal representations to him, and the wonderful support I have had from the constituents of Southern River, that I have achieved a great result. I believe that all schools in my electorate, bar one, will very shortly have these LED signs, including Caladenia and Huntingdale Primary Schools. That will leave only one school in my electorate without these valuable road safety aids. I believe these signs are very effective in making motorists aware that they are entering a school zone during the relevant hours. It certainly has the effect of slowing traffic. We hear a lot these days about childhood obesity. I consider that any initiative that encourages parents to encourage their children to walk to school is very beneficial. As well as the support and appreciation of parents from these schools, I pay special thanks to the Minister for Transport for his assistance. He has been very understanding and responsive to my campaign to get these LED signs installed. I acknowledge his excellent contribution to the safety of schoolchildren in Southern River.