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SCHOOL ZONE LIGHTS TO BE INSTALLED FOR FREE

School zone safety campaigner Peter Olsen has announced plans to install school zone flashing lights free of charge.

"Over the past 8 years the RTA and Government have spent \$60M installing lights at just 5% of school zones. At that rate it will take another 152 years and cost \$1.2B before all school zones have them. Children will inevitably die as a result of that apathetic approach to child safety.

"I funded the four sets of lights that I installed originally at Sophie Delezio's school but the remaining seventy or so were funded by sponsorship from Bryden's Law Group, North Ryde Rotary, Rockdale Rotary and/or school P&C's.

"I had hoped for additional funding from various sources to allow the rollout to continue but it has been slow coming, partly because people feel it is the Government's responsibility.

"I would hate to think that a child could be seriously injured or killed, while I have lights sitting in my garage that could have protected them. I therefore intend to start installing them for free.

"Any funding that is offered will naturally be gratefully accepted, but the only request I will be making is that the schools make a donation to the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

"Lights were installed at the first two schools yesterday, on Bay St Brighton-le-Sands at St Thomas More's Primary School and West Botany St Rockdale at St Domenic Savio's Primary School.

"Lights were also installed at St Patrick's Marist College on Kirby St Dundas over the weekend, which were paid for by the school.

"It could be suggested that installing lights at the few additional schools that I will be able to cover will not make a significant difference to overall child safety.

"What motivates me is the belief that at least one child, at one of those schools, could be spared injury or death as a result of the lights. To that child and his or her parents the difference made by the lights would be immeasurable.

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Bay St Brighton-le-Sands