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MUSIC IN CAIRNS

Ms BOYLE (Cairns—ALP) (10.20 a.m.): Music, it is said, soothes the savage beast. I dare to suggest that there are times when piping soothing music through headphones to some honourable members of this House may assist them to maintain their equilibrium. Music, in its various forms, is not only a source of great pleasure and entertainment for almost all of us; music is also a complementary art form essential to our enjoyment of other art forms—film most obviously.

In Cairns, we are realising, however, that music is also a burgeoning industry both in itself and in its contribution to the vitality and attractiveness of the central city area. Through the determined efforts of Rob Williams, John Vickary and other members of the Cairns Jazz Club, and most of all through the talents of our local musicians—complemented, I must say, by Minister for The Arts Matt Foley's insistence that the Biennial Festival of Music contribute to the already planned Tropic Jazz Festival—Cairns, and a multitude of visitors, had a great time last week.

In restaurants, clubs, pubs, in public areas and parading through our streets during the day and in the evenings we made music. People in their hundreds had a good time and inner-city businesses benefited. My compliments to all involved. May music and Cairns become synonymous.
