



Speech by

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### ENTERPRISING QUEENSLANDERS AND YOUNG PRIMARY PRODUCERS

**Mr SPRINGBORG** (Warwick—NPA) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.53 p.m.): At a time when we hear a lot of doom and gloom and questioning of the viability of our rural and regional areas throughout Queensland and Australia, I think we should be commending individuals and groups that set about making sure that we are able to make the best of the opportunities which are presented to us. It is very pleasing to say that there are individuals and groups right throughout this State, particularly in adverse circumstances, that are attempting to make the most of the opportunities which are being provided by technology, by new marketing opportunities and by the latest in transport opportunities worldwide.

I commend an organisation whose president is based in my electorate. The group is called Enterprising Queenslanders and Young Primary Producers. That group is headed up by a lady by the name of Miss Helen Carrell. She actually came up with this idea, in conjunction with some other very enterprising young Queenslanders and primary producers. Their very keen ambition is to make sure that they are able to build a future for our rural and regional areas in our State, and also then by networking—

**Mr Palaszczuk:** I think she was working with John Anderson.

**Mr SPRINGBORG:** She may be networking in there somehow, but she still has her group and she is still based in Warwick, as far as I know. I am not aware of that, but certainly she is very keen to work with Government. I am also aware of her interaction with the Minister for Primary Industries. If I can go by Country Life, I understand that last year the Minister actually provided a grant to the organisation for one of its activities.

The important thing is that this group seeks to build networks and provide databases for people who are interested in engendering opportunities. This is what the organisation says about itself—

"It is a dynamic organization that has been created by young country people for young country people to reinvigorate the spirit of Rural Queensland. We challenge the next generation of country Queenslanders to break the negative decline and combine to actively create a profitable and positive future in Rural Queensland.

The Purpose of EQYPP?

Is to provide young country people with a progressive organization where our ideas, goals and aspirations are valued, taken seriously and acted upon without hindrance or criticism. EQYPP helps us make our ideas reality.

The Core of EQYPP?

Is to provide an extensive network contact database, putting rural people in touch with the relevant 'how to' people in the specific field they require.

EQYPP addresses the lack of time young people have and the need to speak to the right person the first time to initiate action for their ideas in order to make them come to fruition.

EQYPP enables us, the next generation, to get relevant in the new business environment, so we can make the necessary changes to be commercially viable in a rapidly changing, competitive global market.

EQYPP's activities are based on—

Embracing the changing business environment in the rural sector by highlighting the options, alternatives and Opportunities that exist

Celebrating success, profit, achievement and proactivity by individuals and groups—the 'can do' attitude

Activating innovation, creativity and new ideas to achieve commercial viability

Learning as a lifetime experience

Questioning policies/decisions that may inhibit our potential for commercial viability and sustainability in a competitive business environment

Listening to people and taking them seriously

Looking for opportunities in perceived negative circumstances

Utilizing services, skills and expertise already available

Solving the causes of problems not the symptoms

Taking the needs for future generations into consideration

Valuing the diversity of all ages, the wisdom of the older generation to the creativity of the young

Working together to create our preferred future for our rural sector

Working to equip young country people so well, EQYPP no longer needs to exist."

When we see proactive organisations such as this, principally made up of young, viable, vibrant, enthusiastic young rural people in Queensland, we realise that there is cause for great hope for many of our rural industries well into the future. I think this Parliament and Queensland need to be aware that we do have these sorts of proactive young people. I would like to put on the parliamentary record my very great commendation of and support for the actions of Helen Carrell and her very enthusiastic group in their activity, which is enterprising young Queenslanders and primary producers.

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