



Speech by

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WYNNUM GRAFFITI TASK FORCE

Mr LUCAS (Lytton—ALP) (7.27 p.m.): Tonight I want to speak about a great local project in my electorate, that is, the Wynnum Graffiti Task Force. I have been privileged to be a member of the Wynnum Graffiti Task Force for some time now, and I want to pay great credit to its members. The task force has been coordinated by Daina Fernyhough from the Wynnum/Redlands YACCA. She is a great local person who is really committed to the needs and welfare of youth.

One of the serious problems in my electorate is graffiti, and we in the bayside suburbs have been proactive about it. It is not good enough just to put up with it, because it actually makes old people in particular feel that there is a crime problem, as well as there actually being a problem with graffiti. So the Wynnum Graffiti Task Force went about doing something serious about the problem. The Wynnum Manly Employment and Training, under Ross Garnet and Jim Cooney, has led a graffiti eradication group which has been going throughout my electorate in Wynnum, Manly and Lota eradicating graffiti with great diligence.

I should also pay credit to Queensland Rail, which has supplied a safety officer to allow us to paint the backs of sheds and buildings that face the rail line itself. I also give credit to the Mainstream Youth Organisation and Paul Wright for putting in the money for legal street art. We said that we would be happy to have legal street art once we got the graffiti cleaned up. We have had the graffiti cleaned up, and now we are proceeding with the legal street art.

I also commend Sergeant Peter Farley from the Wynnum Police Citizens Youth Club. The beauty of Wynnum, Manly and Lota is that we can act as a local community when we need to address issues, and this is one area where we have done that. All we need is a trailer for permanent materials and for transport to make this a permanent fixture of our local area. As part of the crime task force commitment of this Government, I hope that it seriously considers this issue.
