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QUEENSLAND SLOGAN COMPETITION

Mr REEVES (Mansfield—ALP) (10.25 a.m.): I am very proud of the fact that the winning school of the Premier's Queensland slogan competition for primary students was a school from my electorate—Year 6 of St Peter's, Rochedale. The slogan competition was one of the actions arising from the Queensland trade and tourism summit action agenda. The idea was to have a slogan which told visitors in 10 words or less what Queensland children like about their State, what makes Queensland special or what characteristics make Queensland unique.

Over 400 entries were received from all over the State. The entries came from all corners of the State, including Government and non-Government schools in Mount Isa, Warwick, Emerald, Gympie and south-east Queensland and the School of Distance Education. The winning slogan was "Queensland—a world within a State".

This Year 6 class at St Peter's accurately assessed our diversity in both the people within the State and the tourist and physical attractions that we have. Unfortunately, the winning speech the students had written was not able to be delivered on Sunday when they received their prize from the Premier. However, when I made a special presentation to the class on Monday I heard the speech.

I must say I was heartened by the speech in which these children recognised and acknowledged how great it is to live in our multicultural community. It is a pity some of those opposite were not there to hear the children of Queensland rebuffing their views. I am extremely proud that the winning entry came from a school in my electorate, but it does not surprise me as St Peter's, under the guidance of Glenda Rogers and teachers such as Mrs De Ruyter, has a great reputation in the community.

I should dismiss the rumour that St Peter's was chosen for the Premier's award just because the school has the same name as our Premier. Queensland is definitely a world within a State. I can confidently state that St Peter's, Rochedale, is one of our community's important assets that illustrate that Queensland is a world within a State.
