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KIN KIN COUNTRYSIDE LOOP

Ms MOLLOY (Noosa—ALP) (7.29 p.m.): I was recently invited to join the Mayor of Noosa, Bob Abbott, at the official launch of the Kin Kin Countryside loop trail and scenic trail one and two. The Community Jobs Program started on 30 July 2001, with a group of 10 employees: Charles Stuart, Peter Foster, Russell De Graft, Joshua Russell, Trevor Blank, Justin Simonis, Marty Wilson, Steve Milner and Colin Jackson of Kin Kin Community Development Group. Special mention should be made of Noosa council mayor Bob Abbott, councillors Brian Lindfield and June Colley, Fiona Sullivan, editor of the Kin Kin *Village Voice*, Dr Anne Winning, and Julia Knight, Noosa community development officer.

Something remarkable has occurred and it is because of the abovementioned people whom I believe have helped create a new Kin Kin. The trails network comprises 15 kilometres of trail for use by walkers, horse riders and mountain bikes. The scenic trail is 26 kilometres. The crew, I have been told, worked extremely well together. What a remarkable achievement to build six bridges, install 28 gates and two causeways, to clear and prepare 60 kilometres of track and complete signage on 16 kilometres of trail one, build fences, landscape in front of the butter factory site—the list goes on.

Let us look at the crew. Previously all were unemployed, but now they are trained in workplace health and safety, social work and environment, problem solving and planning strategies, chainsaw operation and maintenance, senior first aid and agricultural chemical distribution courses. All the crew have aspirations. There are unemployed people who lack motivation. Unemployment kills it off. But these folk who did this project have ambition not dissimilar to those ambitions of every man and woman in this room. These people and those who supported them are giving hope to Kin Kin. Kin Kin has come alive and will go on from here to become part of this state's great ecotourism industry. The possibilities are huge. I offer each and every member of the Kin Kin community who helped with this project my best wishes and utmost respect. They deserve our heartfelt thanks for their remarkable efforts and achievements. After all, we all like to contribute, and these folk have done more than that. Well done Kin Kin, and go the *Village Voice*!

On a final note: thank you to the commitment of this fine Labor government for community jobs programs. Without these programs the dole queue just gets longer and people's lives are bleaker.
