



Speech by

## Miss FIONA SIMPSON

MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE

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### ADULT ENTERTAINMENT LICENCES

**Miss SIMPSON** (Maroochydore—NPA) (6.57 p.m.): I rise to add my voice of concern to those in the community of Maroochydore with regard to the possible opening of a new bar at which a female revue and gentleman's club services will allegedly be supplied. Mooloolaba has already been through the fight against an adult entertainment licence. The community spoke loudly in that case, and there were thousands of petitioners. More detail is yet to be provided with regard to this particular application. The licence has not been issued yet, though work is going on at the premises.

Some 1,000 people live in the immediate vicinity of this proposed club. I can understand the concerns of the Maroochydore police-community committee, which has spoken out in opposition to this. We want to clearly say that we are looking for family entertainment in this area. A lot of work has been done in the area in terms of landscaping and there is a need to try to get appropriate businesses back.

People in the community are saying that there is a particular type of business they want to see operating there, and they have a concern particularly with regard to places which may seek licences allowing late-night trading. We have had problems in the past with nightclubs and premises being open late. I guess that our memories are long because of the concerns and the problems that caused in the community.

I back the concerns of those in this community with regard to what is proposed for this site. Some very good businesses have gone into the area. Proprietors are not always there after hours—their businesses are not open late at night—and they have a concern about compatibility of businesses and about those who are wandering the streets at night. Owners of other businesses cannot be there themselves and have to employ appropriate security.

I want to talk also about the CAMCOS project, which has been going on for years. The coalition initiated this process. There has been a lot of talk about it, and the studies have been completed, but we are yet to see an implementation program. I am calling on the state government to show the colour of its money in putting this project into practice.

We need public transport and coordination. We need to see an implementation plan and a schedule of capital works to go with that. Also, we need to look seriously at addressing the issue of coordination and the need for funding to assist in coordination, as well as a fair public transport subsidy. When one considers what Brisbane gets for its public transport subsidies across rail and buses compared to a major region like the Sunshine Coast, one realises that there is very much a need for a level of public subsidy to provide services to people who cannot afford cars, people who are elderly or people who have other disabilities and cannot drive.

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