



Speech by

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MR S. SANTORO; NOOSA TRIATHLON

Ms MOLLOY (Noosa—ALP) (5.35 p.m.): Firstly, I offer my condolences to the federal Senate. Whereas Santoro's removal from this place has had the effect of dramatically raising the average IQ level in this place, unfortunately his appointment to the federal Senate will only have the effect of lowering the average IQ of that honourable place. I wish to express my condolences to our fellow members in the federal Senate.

On a much brighter note, I wish to draw the attention of the House to the upcoming Noosa Triathlon. Living in Peregrine Beach affords me and my family the opportunity to be part of the Noosa Triathlon multisport festival sponsored by Queensland Events, the Noosa Community Tourism Board, Light Start, New Balance, Fourex, Bacardi Rum, Rosemount Estate and Lipton Ice Tea.

This festival has grown so much in the past 20 years it has become famous for being the world's biggest triathlon multisport festival and last year was awarded the Australian Best Sports Tourism Event. Is it any wonder? The ingredient we have in Noosa is the strength of our volunteers who put so much effort into making this great festival what it is today. No doubt United Sports Marketing—Garth Proud, Donna Croft and Nick Croft—have been the key players, and I congratulate them. But it is also the little people from the volunteer organisations who turn out in their hundreds to ensure this event carries with it the pride and community spirit felt in all of the villages that make the Noosa electorate what it is. Volunteers from all over the electorate turn out—the Lions, the Rotarians, the Tri Club, Noosa Outriggers, Surf-lifesavers from Coolumb, Sunshine, Noosa Heads, cycling clubs, Noosa Daybreak Rotary, health care professionals, Noosa Coastguard, our local SES, police, fire. You name it and we are there.

The big deal for us is the kids triathlon. My Bonnie will try her best to have fun, I am sure. Mum and dad, with our friends from all over the area, will thrash it out in the Big M Eyeline Swim. It is all good, healthy fun. For the serious competitors, Sunday morning will be the telling time. Good luck to all our children, friends, families and visitors. Well done for being such a wonderful host to our visitors to Noosa.