



Speech by

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#### **DEVELOPMENT, KAWANA**

**Mr CUMMINS** (Kawana—ALP) (11.55 a.m.): It was my privilege to host the Queensland Premier last Friday, 12 April when he visited my electorate of Kawana on God's own Sunshine Coast. I table the original official invitation to the launch, which we both attended.

When I first purchased a vacant block of land for about \$18,500 in Otama Court, Warana Beach, behind Reg White Park and Mick's Meat Barn in 1980, I was told that a rowing and canoeing course was to be constructed within Kawana. In those days, as a not so follically challenged fair-headed surfie, I did not realise the benefits to our community from such a facility.

Lensworth Kawana Waters is responsible for the development of the Kawana Waters master-planned community on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. As a Caloundra city councillor, I can proudly say that I was a positive part of the Kawana Waters DCP process. Kawana Waters is being developed under this development agreement. The DCP includes a transport infrastructure agreement and a structure plan approved by the Caloundra City Council, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Main Roads and Queensland Transport in September 1999.

Kawana Waters encompasses some 2,500 hectares. As a direct result of the master plan initiative, it is expected that the population of Kawana Waters will grow from 20,000 to around 40,000 people over the next 13 years. Over 6,000 dwellings are expected to be built in the region over 13 years, adding to the existing 11,000 dwellings. Kawana Waters will comprise a number of precincts including residential, commercial, industrial, sports, recreation and tourism. I believe our future involves a prosperous community with a quality lifestyle. This project will obviously contribute to our quality of life.

Many people ask what is the Kawana Waters business village and town centre. This precinct lies to the west of Lake Kawana and is a 70-hectare precinct which will house a variety of businesses. Construction has commenced on a three-level waterfront office complex to include a call centre, cafes, restaurants, a sport and leisure centre, and a rowing and canoeing club. The business village and town centre will be developed in multiple stages between now and 2010. Eastbank is also part of this region and it will comprise 12 hectares of land and one kilometre of absolute lake frontage, to be developed along similar lines to other famous 'banks' in Australia, such as South Bank. Eastbank will comprise public parkland and open space, community buildings, cafes, kiosks and other commercial related activity. It will be developed in multiple stages between now and the year 2009.

Upon completion of the development of Kawana Waters, it is estimated that some 10,000 job opportunities will have been created. Upon completion, it is anticipated that over 6,000 people will be employed within the business village and town centre. Eastbank and lake related activities are expected to drive a further 490 employment job opportunities. The balance of job opportunities is to be generated through home based businesses such as schools and smaller service centres. Kawana will experience jobs, jobs, jobs.

Lake Kawana adds depth to the Sunshine Coast sport and recreation infrastructure. National and international masters rowing regattas and school based head-of-the-river competitions are just some of the prestigious events that are expected to be attracted to Queensland's Sunshine Coast upon completion of the 2.5 kilometre sport and recreation lake currently under construction at Kawana Waters, which the Premier and I launched on Friday, along with John O'Grady, Managing Director,

Lensworth Group; Mark Salmon, Director, Lensworth Group; Mayor Don Aldous and relevant Caloundra city councillors; Tony Long, Chairman, Quad Park; and other distinguished guests.

The first of its kind for Queensland, Lake Kawana is expected to become a training ground for Australia's elite rowers and canoeists while providing a valuable community recreation resource for non-motorised water based activity. Around 3,500,000 cubic metres will be excavated from the lake, which will be distributed to other development areas around Kawana. Upon completion, Lake Kawana, which covers an area of around 35 hectares, will have a volume of some 1.2 million cubic metres of water—the equivalent of 853 Olympic swimming pools. Over the last two years we built an Olympic standard heated swimming pool, which is now part of Quad Park. I was very proud to work with the developer and the Caloundra City Council in ensuring that Kawana Waters and the population of the Sunshine Coast has an international standard swimming pool. The Australian women's water polo team trained at the pool prior to winning a gold medal at the Sydney Olympics.

The Kawana Waters Business Village, which has been recognised by the Queensland government as a Smart State business park, is adjacent to the Kawana Waters town centre and also fronts Lake Kawana.

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