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KAWANA WATERS REGION

Mr CUMMINS (Kawana—ALP) (7.02 p.m.): I wish to advise the House of an exciting sports precinct on the Sunshine Coast of Quad Park in Kawana in my electorate. A public meeting will be held at the Kawana Community Hall on Saturday, 25 May 2002 at 11 a.m. to present the master plan as well as other Quad Park Corporation initiatives. The master plan incorporates the existing 15 hectares of land, being the Kawana sportsfields at Bokarina and the Kawana Aquatic Centre as well as Lake Kawana and parts of Eastbank that are currently being developed by Lensworth Kawana Waters, and a further 30 hectares of land further to the west that will feature new community sporting fields.

In previous years, I was part of the Caloundra City Council. As the divisional councillor, I saw a \$1.3 million heated Olympic standard 50-metre pool built at the Kawana Aquatic Centre. Lake Kawana, which is currently being constructed by Lensworth Kawana Waters, will become a significant Sunshine Coast community asset. The lake will be a significant venue for community recreation as well as an elite water sports event and training location for activities such as rowing, canoeing, kayaking and triathlons as well as a well-appreciated community asset.

National and international Masters rowing regattas, international canoeing and kayaking and a schools based head-of-the-river competition are just some of the prestigious events that are expected to be attracted to Queensland's Sunshine Coast on the completion of a 2.5 kilometre sport and recreation lake under construction, which is scheduled for completion in early 2004. Lake Kawana includes the construction of surrounding roadways, bridges and cycle paths and was endorsed recently by Premier Peter Beattie. It is the first of its kind for Queensland. Lake Kawana is expected to become a training ground for Australia's elite rowers, canoeists and/or kayakers while providing a community based playground for non-motorised water based recreation. Lake Kawana is being developed by Lensworth Kawana Waters and represents an investment of over \$26 million over a three-year period with the cost amortised over future land sales.

The Kawana Waters business village has been recognised by our Labor government as a Smart State business park and the adjacent Kawana Waters town centre also fronts Lake Kawana. While the lake will fulfil an important regional sports and community recreation role, it will also provide highly sought after water aspects for other land based users. On completion of the development of the Kawana Waters region, around 10,000 job opportunities should be created, of which 6,000 will be generated through the Kawana central business village, Kawana Waters town centre and the nearby industrial precinct while some 150 people will be employed in the construction of the various precincts, including the lake.

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