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**106.5 RHEMA FM**

**Mr CUMMINS** (Kawana—ALP) (7.28 p.m.): Throughout the Sunshine Coast there are countless thousands of people who are struggling with their daily lives. That is why Christian radio has become such an important part of our community. I want to encourage Sunshine Coast residents to continue to support Rhemathon 2002. Radio station 106.5 Rhema FM continues to provide hope and encouragement to thousands through broadcasting the Christian gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Sunshine Coast needs Christian radio 106.5 Rhema FM. I am proud to support Rhemathon 2002. All donations, no matter how small the amount, add up. Gary Roydhouse has been a good mate of mine for many years. I know that he is but one of many who do great work for Radio Rhema.

Last Friday, on 25 October, I was very pleased to attend the Rhema FM pit crew breakfast, where Bob Jane waved the chequered flag as Rhema FM crossed the line. Australian business and motoring identity Bob Jane was the keynote speaker launching Rhemathon 2002 at Rhema FM's pit crew breakfast at the Big Pineapple on Queensland's Sunshine Coast. From humble beginnings, Bob Jane is now a household name. One of Australia's foremost racing car drivers of the 1960s and 1970s, he has built a business empire including the NASCAR thunderdome in Calder Park raceway. I learnt how this modest but committed Christian had a vision and gave it wheels. I also got an insight into the car racing industry and the tyre business that Bob Jane is a leader in.

The pit crew breakfast jump-started the Rhema 2002 appeal, hoping to raise \$75,000 for the expansion of the Sunshine Coast's own family orientated community radio station and to celebrate the expected issue of Rhema FM's permanent broadcasting licence. Yes, we on the Sunshine Coast want to fuel and service Rhema's FM expanded broadcast. Yes, we on the Sunshine Coast want to celebrate the expected issue of Rhema FM's permanent broadcasting licence.

While the appeal took place over the weekend of 25 to 27 October, radio Rhema will still accept pledges. The reason for the Rhemathon is to support their bid for the permanent licence from the ABA. They are fairly confident that they will get it. When they do, they will need to get a transmitter that will cost approximately \$75,000. So they are raising funds. I believe that they are approximately halfway. So I ask members to please dig deep.