



Speech by

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MR J. GRAHAM

Mr CUMMINS (Kawana—ALP) (10.29 a.m.): It is with much pride that I speak to parliament about Senior Sergeant Jed Graham who diligently serves our community on the Sunshine Coast by being a fine officer in Queensland's Police Service. I first met Jed Graham when he was stationed in Gladstone in the mid-eighties where he also played Rugby League for Gladstone's Brothers. He was quite a reasonable player, too. It was my good fortune to meet Jed again in 1998-99 as I required his expertise in overseeing security planning related to issues for the Olympic torch relay when it came to the Sunshine Coast in mid-2000. I believe Jed had gained extensive experience as one of Queensland's finest on secondment to the United States of America where they held previous Olympics and the torch relay. His input, professionalism and work ethic in assisting me as the chairman of the 2000 torch relay was second to none. Senior Sergeant Jed Graham was also one of the leading proponents, along with Senior Sergeant Paul Sarquis, in establishing quad bike patrols on the beaches at Kawana. I gladly worked with Kawana Waters based police officers Jed Graham and Paul Sarquis to lower crime rates on the beach and dunes. My community now enjoys immense—

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