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SOUTH BANK CORPORATION AND OTHER ACTS AMENDMENT BILL

Mr CUMMINS (Kawana—ALP) (4.00 p.m.): The South Bank Corporation and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2003 amends the objects and functions of the corporation to acknowledge the dual development and management roles of the corporation. Significantly, it also acknowledges the corporation's social and environmental goals. This bill also addresses inconsistencies in the act that have resulted from successive amendments and it removes the ambiguity surrounding the Brisbane City Council's role in approving development on the site.

On the Sunshine Coast, albeit on a smaller scale, is a very similar project called East Bank. I believe that both East Bank and South Bank are fine community spaces for people to utilise, to enjoy their recreation and their time. East Bank on Queensland's Sunshine Coast will have open space, business, retail and beaches abutting a canoeing and a rowing course. We will not have a swimming pool similar to that at South Bank, which is, I know, a very well utilised facility. Lensworth Kawana Waters has a master plan community, which incorporates a great area of my electorate of Kawana. In 1998, when I was a member of the Caloundra City Council, that council signed off the Kawana Waters development control plan. Part of the East Bank facility comes under the Kawana waters DCP.

People's lifestyles continue to change as do our cities and communities. East Bank, which is in my electorate of Kawana, is taking shape. Although it will be on a much smaller scale than South Bank, I believe that it will be loved as much as Brisbane's South Bank. I have raised issues relating to the Sunshine Coast's East Bank with the Premier and various ministers in the Beattie cabinet. At present, we are fighting for funds out of the Major Facilities Fund for a community hall and library, which will in the future be the home of the Caloundra chorale when it relocates to the area.

South Bank is a marvellous facility. This morning we walked through South Bank for a bit of exercise. It was amazing to see the number of people utilising such a community facility, whether they were jogging, pushbike riding or swimming—

A government member: Or walking.

Mr CUMMINS: I take that interjection from my fellow exercise companion. People utilise this marvellous facility. When my wife and son come to stay at parliament with me, they are quite regular visitors to South Bank. The Goodwill Bridge links this side of the river to that marvellous facility. I commend the bill to the House.