



Speech by

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CALOUNDRA CITY COUNCIL

Mr CUMMINS (Kawana—ALP) (11.05 p.m.): I would like to bring to the attention of the House and all members present tonight the fact that it would be amazing that some would hear that the Caloundra City Council was recently referred to as a bunch of cretins by the sometimes sober federal Liberal member for Fisher, Peter Slipper. I say it would surprise all members in the House tonight, realising that the majority of Caloundra city councillors are presently or have been members of the Liberal or National Parties. However, I—a Labor elected member of parliament—actually wish to sing the praises of Caloundra City Council. I will give credit where credit is due.

This local council succeeded in ensuring that the Sunshine Coast will have a huge interest in the present Rugby World Cup. Hospitality on the Sunshine Coast can never be questioned and the finest of the Scottish Rugby boys, I trust, will be openly welcomed and enjoy Caloundra's warmth and friendship. Caloundra's Rugby Union club, known as the Lighthouses, and Garry Waters from Pelican Waters deserve a mention in ensuring that the Scots have come to town, have come to Caloundra. I say a big thankyou to all those involved on behalf of the community that I represent.

While all Aussies should be cheering for the mighty Wallabies, we can support a second team in the proud boys from Scotland. Mayor Don Aldous and CEO Garry Storch recently welcomed the touring party at a civic reception. I do believe that the boys from Scotland are in a pool that includes France, Fiji—they beat Japan on Saturday night in Townsville—and the USA. I encourage all Australians and Sunshine Coast residents to get behind our representatives from Scotland.

The Caloundra City Council also deserves a commendation because Caloundra city's adopted naval squadron, 816 squadron RAN, exercised its right of entry by a march on Saturday, 20 September this year. The march, in full regalia, with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying, commenced at 10 a.m. at Kings Beach. The challenge and salute took place at the fountain on The Esplanade at Kings Beach. It was quite an interesting and intriguing traditional ceremony. The head of the Caloundra police was there to take the challenge all in good favour. It was a spectacular ceremony to view.

So I do not think the Caloundra City Council is a bunch of cretins, whatever political party they do belong to. I commend them for being very proud of their city and very active members of the Sunshine Coast. I commend many of the Caloundra City Council workers and staff.