



Speech by

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**MACINTOSH ISLAND PARK**

**Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—Lib) (10.27 a.m.): Last year my predecessor in this place, Lex Bell, asked questions of the Premier and the Deputy Premier regarding MacIntosh Island park, in the heart of the Surfers Paradise electorate. The questions asked were about a slice of land 2.5 metres in width and 100 metres in length that has been mooted to be resumed from the park in a bid to widen the Indy pit area to better accommodate V8 Supercars.

Let it be placed on public record that I am not in favour of such a move. The delicate balance that Surfers Paradise has with the beach, tourist strip, parks and infrastructure is already upset for that week in October when Indy descends upon us. I have been in contact with the office of the Minister for Sport. He was very non-committal with information on this issue. As such, I challenge the minister to rule out the resumption of this land.

We have a high-class event which draws millions of dollars to our local economy. The view of the people of Surfers Paradise, though, with such a successful event, is that there is no need to tamper further with the landscape that Surfers Paradise sees 11 months of the year for an unknown, yet no doubt very minor, increase in the success of the event.