



Speech by

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KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL WEEK; FREAK MORICE

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (9.52 pm): I have spoken before in this place about how proud I am to represent the people of the Morayfield state electorate in the Queensland parliament. My pride was reinforced last weekend at two events. As members may be aware, last week was Keep Australia Beautiful Week. Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held at the end of August each year and seeks to remind people about the simple things they can do in their daily lives to reduce their impact on the environment and encourage action.

The theme for this year's Keep Australia Beautiful Week was focused on encouraging public place recycling and reducing litter on our streets. So, along with local Neighbourhood Watch groups, I hosted a Keep Australia Beautiful clean-up event at Platypus Creek Environmental Park last Saturday. Not only did this clean-up event present a good way for our local community to celebrate Keep Australia Beautiful Week, but also it gave us the opportunity to do something constructive for our local area. The Morayfield state electorate is a great place to live and work and by keeping our area clean and tidy we are helping to make this place an even better place to live. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Irene, Geoff, Peter, Mico, Frances, Dulcie, Marilyn, Anne, Neda and Del and all the residents of Caboolture South for supporting the clean-up of Platypus Creek Environmental Park. By keeping our area clean and tidy we are doing our bit to help keep Australia Beautiful.

It was also my pleasure to attend the launch of the debut EP *Secret Handshake* and music video *Slow Dance* by local band Freak Morice. I have been a big fan of Freak Morice for a number of years. They are a great local band with a big future. The *Courier-Mail* has described Freak Morice's performances as sensational. The *Today* show has said their performances are just the start of big things for the band and the *Brisbane Times* said Freak Morice provided a stellar performance at the Q Song Awards Night.

Not only does Freak Morice come from the Morayfield state electorate, but its band members attended local schools and have been heavily involved in the local community. The impressive thing about this band's members is that they are all from the one family and they are all young people. The band is led by singer, guitarist and songwriter Kahlia. Kahlia is 17 and is an amazing talent. Alongside Kahlia are her siblings—Daniel, who is 15 and is the lead guitarist; Joel, who is 14 and is the band's drummer; Nathan, who is 12 and plays the bass guitar; and Shani, who is 11 and is on the keyboard. Together they are Freak Morice and they are not only great examples of the wonderfully talented people who live in the Morayfield state electorate but they are great role models for young people. I am so proud of their achievements to date and I know that they will do great things into the future. As a sign of things to come, Freak Morice will next perform at the Caloundra Music Festival with Powderfinger and Jet. Good on you, Freak Morice, you are freaking awesome!