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TS WALRUS NAVAL CADETS

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (9.10 pm): Congratulations go to *TS Walrus* and Sublieutenant Tracey Hagan, Australian Naval Cadets. After some 15 years in the Royal Australian Navy, Sublieutenant Hagan took on the role of commanding officer of *TS Walrus* just a few years ago. The *TS Walrus* cadets and unit staff were awarded the prestigious honour of being the best unit within their flotilla recently. Furthermore, they have been nominated for the national assessment for 2011. They are indeed a proud group and what they have achieved in recent times is absolutely outstanding. It was a pleasure to meet up with them again during my recent visit to the flotilla where they were being measured, if you like, for this award that they have been successful in receiving. I again look forward to attending their inspection planned for Sunday, 4 September at which time they will be judged for the national finals against seven other groups. It is once again an opportunity to meet with the cadets, the parents, the unit staff and the committee of *TS Walrus*.

This award comes following the community nominating them for the Dedicated Commitment Award late last year. The Dedicated Commitment Award is an award that I have been giving out to various individuals and now to organisations such as *TS Walrus*. They were the successful nominee and those nominations came from the community. The award was presented to *TS Walrus* for dedicated commitment to the Australian Naval Cadets. They are a valued community organisation that has helped shape young people into responsible and dedicated young adults. They have provided a safe and friendly environment for these young people to gather and work together as a team while building self-confidence, responsibility and empathy in each individual young person. These attributes will hold these young people in good stead throughout their lives. I am certain that as adults they and the community will benefit enormously because of the dedicated commitment *TS Walrus* staff have made to these young people and the commitment the young people have demonstrated in their community. The staff have put in so much in passing on their valuable skills to these young people, their charges if you like, and at the end of it all they have achieved the pinnacle. It is only a matter of time now before we know whether or not they in fact will be national champions for the flotilla award.