




Speech by

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BURRUM HEADS, BOAT RAMP

 **Mr FOLEY** (Maryborough—Ind) (2.51 pm): I rise to bring to the attention of the House the plight of the citizens in Burrum Heads. So many times I have spoken about the Burrum Heads boat ramp and the dire need for the community of Burrum Heads to have a safe, all-purpose, all-weather ramp. Burrum Heads is the home of the Burrum Heads Easter Fishing Classic and the population there swells, especially at holiday times, to monumental proportions.

Mr Stevens interjected.

Mr FOLEY: I take that interjection from the member for Mermaid Beach; it is a lovely spot. The community is certainly extraordinarily frustrated. It has been pushing for a new boat ramp for around 19 years. I know that for the almost nine years that I have been the member we have pushed the whole time, and we keep getting stuck with bureaucratic red tape. I want to pay tribute to Kate Jones. When she was the minister she fought very hard—I do not care about any side of politics—to try to get the Burrum Heads boat ramp up. I give credit where credit is due. I now call on the current minister, should she remain the minister, and also the LNP to commit to—

Mr Rickuss: Did she get it up?

Mr FOLEY: I will move on, mate. I will move on. The community is sick of party politics. It is sick of the constant argy-bargy between the council and the state government. We simply need to get this project done. There are a number of local people—too numerous to mention—who have been of great assistance. I look forward to thanking the LNP for its kind words and its commitment and I call on both the LNP and Labor to commit to it on behalf of Burrum Heads residents.