



MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD

Hansard Thursday, 16 February 2012

MORAYFIELD ELECTORATE, QUARRY

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (3.46 pm): I rise to highlight the concerns of many residents of the Morayfield state electorate in respect of an application for a new quarry in the Narangba west area. This application was made by Marcoola Investments in 2010 and is currently being considered by the Moreton Bay Regional Council. From the outset, I take this opportunity to commend local community campaigners led by Kay Heathwood and David Holman for their activism and hard work. Whilst I have some good news to report, the fight is not over and I know that Kay, David and their team will continue to oppose this application until it is withdrawn by Marcoola or refused by the council. For the benefit of the House, I table a copy of a properly made submission by Kay Heathwood to the council. This submission sets out Kay's reasons why the application should be refused.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 8 February 2012, from Ms Kay Heathwood to the Assessment Manager, Moreton Bay Regional Council, regarding a submission under section 305 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 [6539].

I also table a list of local people who support Kay's submission and accordingly oppose the application.

Tabled paper: Table of names and other details [6540].

However, as I said, I do have some good news to report. Recently Boral Resources Pty Ltd became the new owner of the majority of the land that is the subject of the application by Marcoola. When local people asked me to help them with their campaign against this application, I took steps to raise the concerns of our community directly with Boral. During the last month I have spoken with Boral on a number of occasions about the large number of people in our community worried about the prospect of another quarry in the Narangba west area. Following my representations, I am very pleased to report that Boral has now made a formal submission to the council which states—

(Boral) does not intend to pursue or implement the development proposed by this development application in the event that the application is approved (by the Council). If the (legislation) so provided, Boral would formally withdraw its consent to the development application being made over its land.

I table a copy of Boral's submission.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 2 February 2012, from Mr Paul West, Boral Property Group, to the Chief Executive Officer of Moreton Bay Regional Council regarding a development application [6541].

This is a win for our community, and I will continue to work with my community to deliver real results. (*Time expired*)

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