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**MEMBER FOR SOUTHPORT**

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**ADJOURNMENT SPEECH**

**Queensland Plan**

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (11.45 pm): I rise tonight to speak about some of the great activities that are underway in my electorate in respect of the Queensland Plan and the enthusiasm of the people of Southport for this great initiative by the Newman government.

Just last month we kicked off forums and community consultation in respect of the Queensland Plan with 70 business leaders at a special forum at Griffith University which was hosted by VC Professor Ian O'Connor. Last week we had 38 community leaders at a special Future Families forum in the boardroom at the Audi Centre in Southport hosted by Rebecca Frizelle, a member of the family who own the Audi dealership on the Gold Coast. We had some really outstanding people who come along to that forum to discuss issues of child safety and what sort of future we want for our families in Southport and on the Gold Coast. We also talked about issues around disability and domestic violence, and there was a lot of discussion about the need for foster care, better arrangements to be put in place for children transitioning out of care, and just the need as a community to start thinking about some innovative and creative ways to address some of these issues.

Then on Saturday morning business coach and futurist Wes Hone hosted a Young Leaders forum with 26 of the brightest minds and young leaders from my electorate. There were some young entrepreneurs there, a number of young people from Griffith University, and some of the high school leaders from within my electorate. We just had a fantastic time for two or three hours discussing those six questions that came out of the Mackay forum.

On Sunday it was just great to be out at the Titans v Cowboys game with the members for Burleigh and Broadwater. We followed the lead of the member for Mermaid Beach, who had hosted an information stand at the Gold Coast Suns game previously. We were there at the Titans game last weekend. What a great opportunity it was to meet and talk with many people about the Queensland Plan. It was a great win for the Titans too.

Last week we also had the Committee for Southport, and a group of business leaders came out to be part of another forum. Next Saturday I am pleased to advise the House that we are having a community forum in the park just off Dandar Drive. We have written to some 500 residents, inviting them to come along and join in. It is a great initiative, and I am proud to be part of a government that is committed to thinking about the future and coming up with innovative ideas to better address the many challenges facing us and to create a better future for our children and for families.