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 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (8.57 pm): It is wonderful to entertain the House this evening with a couple of wonderful stories from the electorate of Glass House. It was great to welcome Minister Tim Mander to the electorate of Glass House, and specifically to the town of Maleny, on 16 April. Minister Mander came into the electorate specifically to meet with a number of residents at retirement villages and manufactured home parks in Maleny. Our first stop was Maleny Grove, one of the Live Life Villages.

I have to thank from the outset the wonderful Mrs Elsie Elias and Mr Paul Fisscher. Mrs Elias is a formidable force. I do not know that the owners of Maleny Grove knew what they were getting into when Mrs Elias moved in. She has been in an accountancy firm all her life and knew the books extremely well and is doing the same in her capacity on the committee of the residents at Maleny Grove. It was great for us to be able to talk to the residents there about their concerns around management of retirement villages not only in Maleny but elsewhere.

We then moved on to Sunstone Gardens, a manufactured home park just across the way that is also in Maleny. Our thanks go to Mr Ken Guy for organising that and welcoming Minister Mander. There was a much larger group of people there to again talk about the challenges of residents living in manufactured home parks. It is a very complex issue, and I commend Minister Mander on the fact that we also met with the owners and operators of both Maleny Grove and Sunstone Gardens and we were able to have a very frank discussion with them. All of the feedback we received will feed into the reviews of the respective acts. Once again, I thank Minister Mander for making himself available and spending his time in the electorate.

On 24 April we had a couple of Anzac Day services in a few schools in the electorate. It was great to get to Palmwoods State School and it is always a pleasure to catch up with Principal Peter Wilson. I think Deputy Principal Allan Petts had a lot to do with the organisation of this service. The school leaders did a fantastic job of leading the ceremony. I have to particularly acknowledge the Anzac Day competition prize winners for each grade, starting with young Lacey in prep, Oakland in grade 1, Evangeline in grade 2, Marissa in grade 3, Leilu in grade 4, Bailey in grade 5, Sierra in grade 6 and Kaia in grade 7. The essays written by Sierra and Kaia were read out to the audience at the ceremony and, for kids so young, they certainly captured the true spirit of Anzac and it was great to reflect on what they had written.

I also had an opportunity to get down to Mount Mee State School for their Anzac Day service. Trevor Buchanan, the principal, does an awesome job. The really ironic thing about Mount Mee State School is that they have the Anzac Day service and then they clear the decks and get ready for the cross country. They kicked off the cross country with the kids who were born in, of all years, 2009. I was feeling old, but it was great to spend the morning down there at Mount Mee State School. Congratulations to the teachers, to Trevor Buchanan, to parents and particularly to the students.