




Speech By  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Glass House Electorate, Events; Small Business Week**

 **Hon. AC POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection) (10.36 pm): It is a great privilege to reflect on a couple of events that have occurred in the electorate of Glass House over the last couple of weeks. On Friday a week ago I was able to host one of my afternoon tea times—Glass House tea times—where we catch up with a number of locals from around the patch. It was time to visit the community of Glasshouse Mountains itself. The afternoon tea was held at the Glass House Lookout Cafe, owned by Bill Rogers, who also has Glass on Glass House—just to get the word in there a few more times. It is a great tourism facility in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. Also there were Bob and Margaret McLean. Bob recently gave up the role of president of the chamber. There were also Elaine Reeves from Friends of Bankfoot House, Craig Stevens from Hanson Quarries and Julian King-Salter from the International Dzogchen Buddhist community on Glass House-Woodford Road. It really is a fantastic way for me to touch base with some of the locals and hear what is concerning them. We talked about everything from road improvements, resilience around flooding through to community needs in the town of Glass House. It was a great opportunity.

On Wednesday of last week we hosted Minister Walker in the electorate. It was fantastic to have him there for the entire day. We kicked it off with a visit to the Crohamhurst Observatory. That is very close to both our hearts—mine because it is heritage listed, and Minister Walker's because of the link to Inigo Jones and also to Lennox Walker, his student, who subsequently took over his work. I understand Lennox Walker is actually a distant—

**Mr Walker:** No relation.

**Mr POWELL:** No? There is no connection. We were trying to work that out on the day. I commend Ross Tindle, the owner, and his wife who are looking at opening up that observatory to the broader community, particularly those weather buffs who chase weather anomalies all around the world. They will be descending on the observatory as we work with him to get it open for the public.

We went on to an arts afternoon tea and finished off with a tour of the very innovative Gourmet Gardens in my home town of Palmwoods. Again, I thank CEO Nick White for the time he gave to both Minister Walker and me to show us through that fantastic factory and see the amazing products that they are now distributing to more than a dozen nations around the world.

I wish to pause and reflect that next week is Small Business Week. Saturday, the 6th is Buy Local Saturday. Again, we got in a bit of PR early with Spencer Shaw, the Maleny Chamber of Commerce President; Rob Outridge, owner of the Maleny IGA; Paul O'Mara from Glasshouse Country Auto Body Repairs; and, as I said, Bob McLean, the outgoing president of the Glass House Chamber of Commerce.

On Saturday the 6th, Spencer and I will be back at the Maleny IGA behind the checkouts doing the 'checkout chick' thing. We had our L-plates on when we did some of the training, but we think we might progress to our provisionals. Buy locally Saturday.