




Speech By
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 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (3.10 pm): They say that good things come to people who wait. They have certainly waited a long time at Burrum Heads—since 1992. It has been a great committee; the member for Burnett is correct. Being a new member—we are spending \$4½ million of taxpayers' money—I like to drill down and make sure the taxpayer is getting value for money.

The transport minister, Minister Bailey, and the environment minister, Minister Miles, worked with me and the community to get this project underway. I pass on the thanks of all the people at Burrum Heads to these two ministers and the departments, who worked diligently. All of the TMR people in Bundaberg also put a lot of effort into this. Both ministers listened to me countless times when I rang up and asked where it was.

I make mention of three people who have really pushed this project since 1992. It is ironic that the three men are now getting beyond the age of putting the boats out in the water. One of the other great supporters of this boat ramp at Burrum Heads is a former member for Maryborough, Bobby Dollin—a great member. Bobby was also there. George Dart, Bill Cardiff and Zorro Tarnawsky were the three men who pushed hard and worked hard along with the Fraser Coast council. They started this project in 1992. Many people would have walked away from it before now, but these three men hung in there. They worked hard. They designed along with TMR and they did a good job.

Mrs Frecklington: Anne Maddern.

Mr SAUNDERS: The former member did some good work. The boat ramp committee states—

In a very short period of time our local Member of Parliament, Bruce Saunders, has completely endorsed this project and has made incredible advances towards its completion. Congratulations, Bruce. Your continued efforts and involvement are greatly appreciated by our local and visiting families.

That great action was achieved by this government, through the two ministers who really worked hard to make sure this project went ahead.

Burrum Heads is an absolutely great fishing spot. This will be a game changer for Burrum Heads. We will see great things happen in the community now with boat hire, fishing and the fishing competition that happens at Burrum Heads every year. Last year there were about 1,400 entrants in that competition—not all boats.

This will put Burrum Heads on the map. I thank both ministers. I thank the committee, because they have worked hard. Let us really get Burrum Heads moving.