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Premier's Reading Challenge

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (9.55 pm): During my short time as the member for Lytton, I have been privileged to participate in many wonderful community events and activities. I have had some truly wonderful experiences and have met so many interesting and colourful baysiders. Among some of my most enjoyable experiences has been meeting and engaging with the young people in the bayside through our local schools. Our schools are full of bright, brave, intelligent, funny and innovative young people.

At recent celebrations of learning and awards and graduating ceremonies, I have heard about the many achievements and contributions of the students in their learning to their schools and to the greater community. These celebrations have reinforced the dedication and professionalism of the teachers and all staff at the bayside schools—all of whom encourage, support and nurture these students. I would like to acknowledge and thank the many dedicated teachers and school staff in all of our bayside schools. Their commitment and professionalism is much appreciated.

One of my most pleasurable experiences during the year has been engaging with local schools regarding the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge. The reading challenge, which is in its 10th year, sparked a great deal of interest and participation in the bayside. I was fortunate to attend many of our local school assemblies and libraries, talking to the students about the challenge and the importance of reading and the absolute delight that you can get from escaping into a book.

From the delightful young preppers at Manly and Manly West State School, the year 3s at St John Vianney's, the boys at Iona and Moreton Bay Boys' College to the year 9s at Brisbane Bayside State College, each and every school has embraced and excelled in this challenge. Reading to a class of Brisbane Bayside State College high school students will go down as one of my most memorable experiences this year. I certainly enjoyed reading to the students and I am told that the students enjoyed it too.

I thoroughly enjoyed all the wonderful book readings and I have been delighted to return to the schools in recent days to present certificates to students who completed the challenge. It was great to see students that I had read or spoken to earlier in the year collecting their certificates, and I congratulate all students on their achievements. I also thank each of the schools—the teachers, the library and other staff—for their participation in this great challenge and for giving their time to ensure that the students participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The bayside local schools are already looking forward to the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge.