




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Member for Bundaberg; Barron River Electorate

 **Mr CRAWFORD** (Barron River—ALP) (10.01 pm): Before I get to my adjournment speech, I want to thank the member for Bundaberg for her contribution to our government.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: I call the member for Barron River. It is not an invitation for people to try to speak.

Mr Cramp interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Gaven, you are warned under standing order 252.

Mr CRAWFORD: I want to thank the member for Bundaberg for her contribution to our government, to our cabinet and to our backbench. For a while she sat next to me in the House and I value her as a friend. My phone is always on if she wants to have a chat. I think that applies for all of the members of our government.

Mr Nicholls interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Resume your seat, member for Barron River. Leader of the Opposition, I cannot hear the member for Barron River. You are warned under 253A. I cannot hear the member for Barron River because of your interjections. That is disorderly.

Mr CRAWFORD: In my adjournment speech I want to update the House on the Palaszczuk government's projects in the Barron River electorate.

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Chatsworth, you are disorderly. I cannot hear the member. If you persist I will take the appropriate action. I call the member again.

Mr CRAWFORD: This could take a while.

An opposition member interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: One moment. Can you resume your seat? Who made that interjection?

An honourable member: Burleigh.

Mr SPEAKER: Will you kindly leave the chamber? You have been—

Mr NICHOLLS: I rise to a point of order. The member made an interjection and, Mr Speaker, you have the power to warn. You have not chosen to do so; you have just instructed his dismissal. I ask you to give an indication of the standing order and the reason for the dismissal. In doing so, I reflect that when I got up to speak to deliver my adjournment speech there was a cacophony of noise for the entire three minutes that I was speaking and not once, Mr Speaker, did you take exception to the noise that was coming from over there. I ask you, Mr Speaker, most respectfully to reflect on the fairness of that.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you. I will reflect on the fairness of that and I will withdraw that direction regarding whoever made that interjection.

Mr CRAWFORD: I wish to update the House on the Palaszczuk government's projects in my electorate. The Caravonica State School car park is well underway. For 30 years now this has been a problem that could not be resolved. It is now a \$3.8 million project. The education department, Cairns Regional Council and a private developer have combined their efforts to fix this issue once and for all. The car park needed to be filled with two metres of fill and compacted for nearly six months before construction of kerbing, drainage and the like can commence. The fill is complete. The compaction time is around halfway through. I expect that shortly after the return of school in 2017 works on the surface will commence with a new intersection, a new car park, a new bus drop and a new area with around a hundred car parks for families and parents to safely deposit their children to and from school.

The much anticipated Bill Fulton Bridge duplication on the western arterial is now ready to go. The contracts were awarded in the last few weeks. I anticipate construction of this to commence this month, during November. This will be a nine-month construction with a \$34 million price tag. By the second half of 2017 we should see this project completed.

The Smithfield fire station, which is a \$5 million fire station, is drawing close to commencement. The Trinity Beach classroom project—12 classrooms at Trinity Beach State School, a school which is overloaded with students in my electorate—is also underway. We also have a new boat ramp, which we are looking at facilitating on the northern beaches. There are a number of other projects happening that I have not got time to mention due to taking about a minute to get started. I look forward to informing the House on—

(Time expired)