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Australian Campdraft Association, Liquor Licensing

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (7.06 pm): The campdraft associations across Queensland and throughout the Nanango electorate are fantastic organisations. I congratulate them on the work that they do for this extremely popular horse sport. They call it the sport of kings. Last year it was wonderful to attend the Paradise Lagoons Campdraft with my husband Jason and my daughter Elke. It was wonderful to be there with people like Pip Courtney and honour the memory of the late Graeme Acton.

In my electorate there are many campdrafts, including Brymaroo, Cooyar, Kumbia, Toogoolawah, Esk, Burrandowan, Goombungee, Kilcoy, Manumbar, Cooranga North and Nanango. Each of these groups has many hardworking dedicated volunteers. We all know campdrafting has been around for a long time. In fact, the Esk Campdraft celebrated its centenary late last year with His Excellency the Governor of Queensland attending as the special guest to mark the milestone of the Esk Campdraft Association.

There is, however, some bad news across Queensland for campdrafts. This came last night when the Katter's Australian Party and Labor voted against our Liquor and Fair Trading Legislation (Red Tape Reduction) Amendment Bill. This bill contained a common-sense amendment which, though small in nature, meant a lot to those campdrafting groups. The bill sought an exemption for campdrafts from needing to apply for a community liquor permit. Hardworking volunteers run these events. When we were in government we sought to reduce that burden for small shows by legislating that exemption. In early 2014 Paul Barron from the Cooyar Campdraft Association came and saw me and suggested that these single-day campdrafts should be exempted. What a great idea! We tried to get that legislation through last night and unfortunately those opposite and Katter's Australian Party, who really should have known better, rejected it. It is an insult to the campdraft associations around Queensland. It is disappointing and simply ridiculous. It leaves our campdrafting volunteers burdened with unnecessary paperwork just to appease those opposite. During the committee hearing my colleague Tony Perrett asked representatives from the Department of Justice and Attorney-General if there had ever been any problems with the sale of liquor at campdrafting events and, of course, the answer was no.

Campdrafting has more than 20,000 supporters across Queensland and 220 affiliated committees. It is a family sport run by reputable people and they deserve our support. I am sorry that they simply were not able to get it from this House. This is a common-sense, simple amendment. Let us get it through the House.