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Recreational Boating

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (9.49 pm): I am delighted to talk today about the inaugural boaties barbecue which I recently hosted at Manly boat ramp on the magnificent Moreton Bay. Recreational boating in Queensland continues to grow in popularity, with one in every 19 Queenslanders owning a boat. The bayside is very popular and a great spot to enjoy recreational boating or fishing. I myself am a keen angler. However, I would argue that my efforts are more casting practice than fishing. The bayside is alive with locals and visitors each and every day of the week taking to the water on boats or kayaks or to windsurf, engage in the latest new trend—stand up paddle boarding—or fish from the rock wall or off Wynnum Jetty.

It always brings a smile to my face to see the local kids rushing home from school to ride their bikes down to the foreshore with their fishing rods on their back to do a bit of fishing when the fish are running. It is great that we baysiders have such freedoms and opportunities. It is even better that the Palaszczuk government's \$30 million investment in marine infrastructure ensures that these opportunities will continue into the future.

On a windy Saturday morning at the end of February, I hosted the inaugural boaties barbecue. I would like to thank the Hon. Mark Bailey, who attended the barbecue. It was a great opportunity for members of the boating community to meet with the minister and for them to hear firsthand about the Palaszczuk government's \$30 million investment in vital infrastructure upgrades under the Marine Infrastructure Fund. It also gave those who use the local boat ramps and other marine infrastructure the chance to provide feedback about current and future boating infrastructure. It was also an opportunity to talk face to face with officers from Maritime Safety, Department of Transport and Main Roads, Moreton Bay Marine Park rangers and the Queensland Water Police. These officers do an outstanding job each and every day, and I was delighted that they came along to talk to members of the local boating community. They provided important safety information, talked about pollution reduction in our waterways and discussed our local marine infrastructure and safety on the water, making sure that boaties are aware of their responsibilities. I thank those officers for attending the barbecue and for their dedication and commitment to ensuring the safety of those who use the beautiful Moreton Bay.

Our local community groups were also well represented, with members from the Volunteer Coast Guard and Marine Radio Manly. These two vital services provide protection and surety for boaties. I congratulate these volunteer organisations that do such important work on the bayside. Our wonderful groups of Sailability Bayside, Manly dragon boats and Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron also attended as did the 18 Footers Sailing Club. It was a great event and I am looking forward to hosting my next boaties barbecue. I thank the Palaszczuk government for its investment of \$30 million in marine infrastructure and for the ongoing support of the bayside.