



Speech By Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY

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Hon. MC BAILEY (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (2.20 pm): I take this opportunity to correct inaccurate assertions in this House made by the member for Cleveland in his question to the Minister for Tourism about the Tangalooma wrecks, alleging that they had been cut down to the waterline without community consultation. Following extensive engineering assessment, I was advised by Maritime Safety Queensland that there was a risk to public safety and that they needed to stabilise the Tangalooma wrecks. These stabilising safety works were completed three months ago, in early November 2015. Before undertaking these works the Palaszczuk government consulted with peak bodies and industry including the Queensland Recreational Boating Council and the Commercial Marine Industry Association.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr BAILEY: Members opposite do not like to hear the truth. The Tangalooma Island Resort and all Moreton Bay Marine Park tourism operators who hold a permit associated with the wrecks area were also directly consulted. Maritime Safety Queensland clearly has not cut the Tangalooma wrecks down to the waterline. It is clear that the member for Cleveland has not visited the site since the work was done. I take this opportunity to table the photos taken after the stabilising safety works were completed. They clearly show that this is not the case.

Tabled paper: Four photographs, undated, of Tangalooma shipwrecks [228].