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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Dreamworld, Fatalities**

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (8.51 pm): On Tuesday, 25 October a tragic event occurred at Dreamworld in the state seat of Coomera. This is the first opportunity that I have had since that tragedy occurred to rise to place on record my and my family's condolences to the families of Kate Goodchild, Luke Dorsett, Roozi Araghi and Cindy Low. This tragedy has affected many in our community and the memory of it, quite rightly, will be with us for a very long time. Those closest to it, the families of those who lost their lives, have had their lives changed forever. The parents, the brothers, the sisters and the children have a heavy cross to bear. In time though the pain will subside and the happy memories will take over. The good times they had with their loved ones will be celebrated. When they think of them, yes, there will be some sadness because they will be missed, but also in time smiles will come as well.

There are others who have been impacted by this tragedy owing to their closeness to it: the ambulance staff, the police and other professionals who were the first responders—they will carry the memory of this tragedy with them as well and the staff of Dreamworld, particularly those who were witness to this tragedy and first on the scene to try to give assistance and the rest of the Dreamworld staff—I have heard them described as the Dreamworld family. The many people who have visited the temporary memorial to show their respect were greeted by the Red Cross support workers. My thanks and the thanks of my community go out to those professionals for the wonderful support they have provided to mourners.

I acknowledge the management of Dreamworld, in particular CEO Craig Davidson, who has the responsibility of doing all that can be done to help the families on behalf of Dreamworld's many staff. I know Craig to be a person who cares. Coincidentally, I was talking to Craig just two days before this tragedy occurred. Our discussions centred on his desire to do what he could to help young people who are in less fortunate circumstances. I know that he has a good and caring heart. I know, therefore, that he is the right person to have in this very difficult role.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost their loved ones. Many thanks to all of those who have been and are continuing to do their jobs. As well, my thoughts and prayers go out to them and the whole community of people affected by this tragedy.