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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Pacific Surf Life Saving Club; Gold Coast Airport**

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (2.49 pm): I congratulate one of our surf clubs on the Gold Coast. The Pacific Surf Life Saving Club, of which I have been a member for the past 25 years, recently won the Point Danger Branch club of the year. That put it into the running for club of the year for the state. It won that as well. This is a little club on the Gold Coast, in Palm Beach, that does not have any poker machines, does not have a restaurant and does not have any formal commercial activity. It runs a wedding every now and then and raises money from that, but most of the funding comes from members of the club. Once the club won the Club of the Year in Queensland, that put it in the running to be the Club of the Year in Australia and two weeks ago that event was held in Sydney and Pacific surf club won the Club of the Year in Australia. What a fantastic achievement for a little club like Pacific to win Club of the Year in Australia!

An emerging issue on the Gold Coast is the instrument landing system to be installed at the Gold Coast Airport. This issue will affect most electorates on the Gold Coast, especially the coastal electorates. This is something that I have supported for a number of years on safety grounds. Most members in the parliament would know that my background is as an aircraft engineer, so I know quite a bit about this issue. From a safety aspect, an ILS is the best form of equipment to get aeroplanes safely on the ground in bad weather. The unfortunate thing is that an ILS works in a straight line from the airport, and that will put aeroplanes over a lot more houses than present. When this is installed, that is going to have an effect on people.

It is high time that the federal government put in place some rules to say that aeroplanes should only fly that route in bad weather. Only in bad weather do I want to see aeroplanes using that route over houses, affecting people who live there. This afternoon I will be writing to federal members on the Gold Coast asking them to bring this forward as urgently as they can to try to get to a situation where the federal government and Airservices agree that they will instruct air traffic control to keep those aeroplanes on what is called the required navigation path, which is off the coast, and away from those houses to keep the noise down in order to keep the amenity of the people who live underneath the flight path as best they can. I will be urging them to get on with that as soon as possible.