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## ADJOURNMENT

### Beerburrum, Proposed Quarry

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (11.01 pm): This evening I rise to speak about the proposed Barro Group quarry at Beerburrum. The site of the quarry that has been submitted is some 1.3 kilometres west of Cobb and Co Drive at Beerburrum and is currently being assessed by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Whilst there are some in the Beerburrum community, both residents and businesses alike, that are very supportive of the proposal, there are many that are not. Those residents have approached me to bring their concerns to the state government.

On 2 August, some 24 hours after I was first made aware by residents, I wrote to Minister Miles as the Acting Minister for Main Roads to ensure his department was aware of the proposed quarry and in particular to communicate the main concerns of local residents, being the impact that quarry operations will have on road movements in and around the area including in the school traffic zone around Beerburrum State School. I am pleased to report to the community that today I received a response from the minister, and I want to read that into *Hansard*. It states—

This matter relates to a current development application that was triggered for referral to the State Assessment Referral Agency (SARA) for state transport and environmental interests.

SARA is responsible for overseeing state interests as outlined in the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP). Under SARA's procedures, the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) role is to provide technical advice and recommendations to address any adverse impacts of the proposal on state transport infrastructure.

In line with this process, TMR is currently assessing this application to determine what impacts it may have on the state transport network. At this time, TMR has not yet issued its technical agency response or recommendations to SARA ...

and I would add that therefore that has not been provided to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. The minister concludes—

As Sunshine Coast Council is the assessment agency for this development approval, I have forwarded a copy of your correspondence to council for consideration and direct reply.

I want to reassure the community that I will always strongly represent their views. That is why I took the action of contacting Minister Miles within 24 hours of being alerted to the issue. That is why I held a community mobile office alongside local councillor Rick Baberowski to discuss the concerns of locals and the ways those concerns can influence the development approval process. What I will not do, though, is make promises or statements that mislead the community or create false hope that is not right, fair or responsible. I say to those members of the political community on the Sunshine Coast who have somehow suggested that 10,000 signatures will stop this that that is completely and utterly false. The only ones who can do that are the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and/or the Planning and Environment Court. I will not have individuals scaring my community or giving them false hope.