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## ADJOURNMENT

### Boyne Tannum Hookup

 **Mr BUTCHER** (Gladstone—ALP) (9.51 pm): I rise tonight to speak about an awesome event that is held in my electorate every year, the Boyne Tannum Hookup. The Boyne Tannum Hookup is Australia's biggest family fishing competition, with both adult and junior categories. This year the three-day event was held on the Labour Day long weekend on our beautiful Boyne Island.

The Boyne Tannum Hookup is held annually with the aim of bringing together friends, families, businesses, supporters and sponsors from all parts of Australia to enjoy this wonderful community event. With a prize pool of over a quarter of a million dollars this year, the event attracted just under 3,000 senior entries and over 700 junior entries, with huge crowds of around 30,000 people visiting Bray Park over the three days. Even better is that 35 per cent of these people are visitors from outside the Gladstone region. Fishing weigh-ins, family entertainment and delicious food brings Bray Park to life for the three-day event.

There is no doubt that the Boyne Tannum Hookup is one of the Gladstone region's most professional and prestigious events. The Hookup is a not-for-profit organisation and acts as a platform for a number of charities to raise money and also to promote the Boyne Tannum area. The Hookup has run annually for the past 22 years and hopes to continue as an event for families to enjoy all that the Gladstone region has to offer as a premier fishing location.

To this end, I was thrilled to be able to tell the 10,000-strong crowd on the Sunday evening that next year's Hookup would be even safer for competitors in the competition with the Boyne River set to receive much needed maintenance dredging. With dredging on the current channel to commence very shortly, 15,000 cubic metres of sediment will be removed to allow for safer passage of vessels in and out of the river mouth.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to a few people involved with the Hookup without whom this event would not have become what it is nor been possible. The Boyne Tannum Hookup committee, led by President Jen McGuire, worked tirelessly over the three days of the event to ensure the success of this wonderful fishing competition. These guys are volunteers and their efforts are valued beyond measure. The youth committee this year brought together a new perspective to the event and found new ways to engage our younger generations, even creating a Snapchat filter for this year's event.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to foundation member Darryl Branthwaite. Darryl was involved in the Hookup for many years and was the host of the weekend's festivities. After spruiking the region for so long, Darryl is now the CEO of the Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Ltd. It was great to share the stage with 'Dags', presenting awards and having a laugh. He is a real champion for tourism in our region and is dogged in his pursuit to ensure the natural beauty of our region is on everyone's agenda. If anyone is keen to come along, we would love to see you in the Gladstone area next year.