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ADJOURNMENT

Australian Fish and Chips Awards

 **Hon. ML FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries) (6.27 pm): It does not matter whether it is a Monday, a Wednesday, a Friday or a Sunday—it is always a good time to have fish and chips. If you are as passionate about fish and chips as I am, it pays to try the best. That is why I am encouraging Queenslanders to have their say in the search for Queensland's best fisho at the Australian Fish and Chips Awards. The Australian Fish and Chips Awards are a great opportunity for our local shops to get their name on the national stage.

Given our proximity to the freshest and most delicious seafood in the world, it is only right that we have the best fish and chip shops as well. Right along the Queensland coastline there are sensational examples of fish and chip shops using the freshest Queensland seafood to serve up innovative and tasty fish and chips. I encourage everyone to try our different stores in their local areas that support the Queensland seafood industry.

The awards are a chance to recognise some of the great seafood businesses serving Queenslanders. I note that members of the Labor caucus and no doubt those opposite are already getting behind this competition, throwing open the call to their communities to vote on the best fisho in their area. A few weeks ago I went to Fishlips, owned by James Maginness, and had some fish and chips there. I also went to Taylor's, owned by Tien Tran, a lovely Vietnamese woman, and tried her delicious fish and chips. Queensland has fantastic seafood and we are keen to get out there and taste Queensland's plates.

Earlier this month I was with the member for Maryborough at the Hervey Bay Seafood Festival. What a fantastic day that was! There was seafood flowing from every quarter. It was a wonderful occasion which showcased the best seafood Wide Bay has to offer, supporting local jobs with a quality feed for the family. That is a win-win in everyone's books. I urge everyone to get behind their local fisho and vote online for the one they think is best. I was talking to the member for Logan earlier tonight, and he said he is backing in his support for North Maclean Seafood and Takeaway.

To vote for your local fish and chip shop to be named as Queensland's best, head online to www.fishandchipsawards.com.au. Voting is open until 15 September. The 2018 state award winners will be announced at the Queensland Seafood Industry Awards on 28 September 2018. I will be in attendance and will be presenting the awards for the best fish and chip shops in Australia. Hopefully on this occasion, as repeated in the past, it will be a Queenslander and a Queensland fish and chip shop.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): I would like to take this opportunity to wish JT all the best for his last home game. He is a true legend of the sport.