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**Caboolture Sports Football Club**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (7.27 pm): Last week, history was made by the Caboolture Sports Football Club qualifying for the Brisbane Premier League, the first tier of senior football in Brisbane. The mighty Caboolture Snakes football club was formed almost 50 years ago and has had much success. Caboolture has been rising in the football Brisbane divisions after entering the Brisbane competition league only three seasons ago, having played in the Sunshine Coast competition for the past two decades.

To progress through to the Brisbane Premier League this quickly is an amazing achievement by a group of down-to-earth individuals from all walks of life who, together as a team, achieved extraordinary things—thanks to the coach, Nathan Walker, their fierce, determined and talented leader. Nathan's leadership and networking skills have been critical to the team's success. That success has enabled the Caboolture club to attract an exciting group of young players from around the world—not only people from the Snake pit in Caboolture but also people like Djamel from France and Jacob, who plays goalkeeper, who is from the United States.

I am excited about the achievements of this team, because they understand that the broader benefits of sport go beyond the personal benefit derived from participation in sport. The transformative potential of sport is well known. Nathan, with his Snakes, have put an empowering vision into action by embracing Indigenous heritage as well as bringing together people from across our community through the shared love of football.

Nathan is very aware of the difference the senior team can make for the junior players in the community. The senior players have taken on leadership and mentoring roles for the young players in the club. I was particularly enthused about the player cards initiative that the team has developed. These trading cards feature all the senior players and were produced and given out to the junior players—and some lucky members of parliament as well, I must say—to collect. That is a fantastic way to promote the club and foster that sense of pride in the community that the mighty Snakies have built over the past few years.

I must acknowledge our government's support of this great club. We provided an infrastructure grant to the club to help its move to its new facilities, which are almost complete, at the Moreton Bay Central Sports Complex in the electorate of Kurwongbah. Nonetheless, it is not too far down the road from the mighty Morayfield electorate. I take this opportunity to congratulate the mighty Snakies and their senior squad for their outstanding achievement in gaining promotion to the Brisbane Premier League. Watch out Brisbane Premier League, the Snakes are coming.