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Headspace; Holoverse

 **Mr MOLHOEK** (Southport—LNP) (2.43 pm): I rise to speak about a number of things happening in my electorate. I am immensely proud of the state seat of Southport. Without a doubt, it is one of the best places in the country to be. Over the past few years, we have enjoyed an incredible uplift of activity in the lead-up to the Commonwealth Games and with the declaration of the PDA.

Today I draw the attention of the House to an organisation that a couple of years ago consolidated a number of locations into Southport, and that is headspace. Headspace is one of the largest providers of mental health and support services to our young people. Just a few weeks ago, I was very pleased to go along to the local headspace centre as the Gold Coast organisation celebrated its 10th birthday. Apart from the incredible hospitality provided by Steve Hackett and the team, I had the pleasure of meeting Jymbilung, their therapy dog. What an absolute delight that was. More importantly, it highlighted the innovative approach that they are taking to working with young people.

I know many young people and families who have benefited from the service. Sadly, the service is under enormous pressure. For the past three years, they have seen a 20 to 30 per cent increase in demand for their services. One of the greater concerns—and I am sure the member for Coomera and the member for Theodore will be particularly concerned about this—is that as the city continues to grow north there is an incredible demand and need for an extension of those services moving forward. Aside from providing mental health support, headspace also works with young people on drug and alcohol related issues. They provide employment support around education. I am pleased to note that there has been a commitment to a youth foyer in Southport, which no doubt will work very closely with headspace.

At the other end of the spectrum, I had the pleasure of visiting an incredible Southport business that turned out to be a real surprise to me. Holoverse is a 3D indoor theme park where people can engage in all manner of exciting 3D adventures using special goggles. What most surprised me is that Bruce Dell, the originator, is one of the largest technology developers in Queensland. We went upstairs where there was a whole team of people assembling electronic componentry. I had thought that all that sort of work had moved offshore, but this local company is committed to creating local jobs and is at the absolute leading edge of 3D technology. I congratulate Bruce, Tamaryn Osborne and the team for their innovation.