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## ADJOURNMENT

### Brightwater

 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (1.46 am): A suburb where kids can throw a fishing line into the lake on the way home from school. A suburb that black swans and the odd wallaby make home. A suburb with a vibrant community association, Neighbourhood Watch and a high-performing local school. The perfect place to retire or to raise your kids. That suburb that I describe is Brightwater, in my electorate of Buderim.

Brightwater is a relatively new suburb that sits between the Sunshine Motorway and the Mooloolah River. It is a place that Australians and recent immigrants alike have set down roots. They are attracted by the sensational views, the laid-back atmosphere and a healthy lifestyle. Brightwater is a community that is designed around a lake—a lake that locals stroll around with the dog and is a great place to catch a mangrove jack or giant trevally for dinner. Brightwater is a suburb that has long walking trails and great parks. My family and I often head off to Brightwater to play on the excellent park equipment and we always have a great time.

One of the attractions of Brightwater for many families is the excellent schools that exist in and around Brightwater. Brightwater State School opened its doors in January 2012. Since then it has grown quickly. It is a modern independent public school that prides itself on teaching old-fashioned values of manners, respect, courtesy and self-discipline. Brightwater State School is ably led by principal Robyn Taplin and has a wonderful group of dedicated teachers. The school takes pride in maintaining strong links with the community and has an active P&C, which runs the tuckshop and contributes significantly to school projects such as the air-conditioning of classrooms and the building of playgrounds for younger students. Under the leadership of Conor Walsh, the Brightwater P&C is planning its second school fete, which will be held in September this year. I look forward to sponsoring the event and participating in school fundraising activities like the dunk tank.

Like all suburbs, Brightwater has occasional issues that need to be addressed. After community concern about youth causing issues in parks around the suburb, I was heartened to witness the community response coordinated by the Brightwater Neighbourhood Watch and the Brightwater Community Association. Under the leadership of Keith Buxton and Allan Rankin, the Brightwater community came together to discuss the issue with the Queensland Police Service and me at a community forum. The result has been a cohesive community response that, although a work in progress, is a testament to how much the locals care about the suburb of Brightwater.

I look forward to coming together with the rest of the community to celebrate Brightwater at the Brightwater Block Party on 21 July. Brightwater is a wonderful place with a deep sense of community. For the privilege of representing the good people of Brightwater, I say thank you.