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MOTION

Revocation of Protected Area

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (3.49 pm): The opposition will be supporting this revocation motion and I thank the minister for her contribution. The minister used a couple of words that struck a chord with me, and they were the words 'consistency' and 'continued sustainable use'. That for the opposition is the key reason we will be supporting this revocation motion. It is important that we protect areas that need protection while also maintaining flexibility. We note that this was to facilitate the continuity of what has become an iconic Queensland festival and the next contribution from this side of the House will be from not only the former environment minister but also the local member. As someone who has had an incredible involvement with that festival over a long period of time, it is great that the member for Glass House will make a contribution in this debate. The minister mentioned that the patrons who attend the Woodford Folk Festival are socially and environmentally responsible. I thank the minister for those words because both I and the local member have attended that festival and I would like to consider myself both socially and environmentally responsible.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr CRISAFULLI: The Leader of the Opposition has also attended the Woodford Folk Festival and she, too, is socially and environmentally responsible.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr CRISAFULLI: In fact, many of those on this side of the House have attended that festival. The festival is an incredible gathering of people from across the country, but do not underestimate how important it is for the local community as well. The local member will inform us of the hours that go into putting it on. The local member will inform us of the contribution it makes to the local community directly in the form of an economic impact, socially in terms of what it does for the reputation of the local community and indeed the money that it generates that continues to go around the community.

Finally, the minister mentioned in her contribution that it is important that revocations like this clearly demonstrate the interest of a protected area and the broader public interest. I seek to ensure that we always keep that as the barometer for revocations but also that we be broad-minded when matters like this come before us from traditional owner groups and from councils on other festivals, on other opportunities and on other ways that communities can be improved. I would like to see this same open-minded approach offered and utilised on other occasions. The opposition will be supporting this revocation motion.