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## ADJOURNMENT

### Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce, Business Excellence Awards

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (7.06 pm): Tonight I want to speak about a number of wonderful businesses that were honoured by the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce at the Business Excellence Awards on Saturday night which I attended with the member for Toowoomba North. I want to firstly start with the long-term leadership of Joy Mingay, President of the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce, who is shortly stepping aside after five years of wonderful service and over 10 years on the board. Joy has led the board with distinction and serves her community in every way extremely well. I want to pay tribute to Joy.

On the evening there were many businesses that were recognised. I want to start with Fitzzy's on Church which was given the honour of business of the year. The Fitzgibbons family has a very long history in Toowoomba. To Brad, Anita, John and Marilyn at Fitzzy's on Church, congratulations! I also want to acknowledge the broader contribution of the Fitzgibbons family who were honoured at the Queensland Hotels Association awards on Monday night with the winning Glen Hotel at Eight Mile Plains. I also caught up with Richard Bowly from the Southern Hotel—one of the finest pubs in my own electorate—who was at the QHA dinner. I saw Richard and Yvonne, which was wonderful. Other key winners on the evening at the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce were AgEtal, with Ken and Luanne who are doing great work in ag technology across the region. Clifford Gouldson was an employer of choice. Together with Ben, Dan and Amanda, they make up an outstanding and progressive law firm that is really making a difference in their local community. That award was sponsored for the first time by Focus HR with Naomi and Alistair. That is another great business in town that is providing HR services right around the community.

I also want to acknowledge other businesses that won on the evening—Toowoomba Clubhouse, the Australian Camp Oven Festival and Proterra Group. I also want to pay tribute to future leader winner Catherine Ardi. Future leaders play an important role in the next generation of our business community. The chamber serves a great role in promoting business and I thank the chamber again for its promotion of these awards. Of course, the naming sponsor is Heritage Bank—one of Toowoomba's great businesses that I had the honour to work for for nearly 10 years.

Finally, I am a mad cricket fan and I want to pay tribute to a good mate of mine—one of my old mates—who had the better of me with the ball when it was in his hand, and of course I refer to Kent, who has kicked off the Darling Downs Bush Bash. Going into the last round, it is tight on the table. Kent had this vision 12 months ago, but it required companies to buy into it and now we have companies that are supporting teams—Livewire, George Banks, Liebke Tyres & Mechanical, Aidacare and Hip Pocket Workwear. I am patron of the Hip Pocket Workwear team. To Graham, Ian and the team, let's go, boys! Let's get this won!