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FISHERIES (VESSEL TRACKING) AMENDMENT REGULATION

Disallowance of Statutory Instrument

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (6.45 pm): I rise to speak in support of the disallowance motion because I am sticking up for the fishers on the Sunshine Coast—not just the commercial fishermen and fisherwomen but also the people who go out on recreational charter boats. I am one of those. I cannot believe that at the moment in the state of Queensland serial sex offenders like Robert John Fardon do not have GPS trackers but our fishers do. What sort of world are we living in when the government wants to get all of the details of these fishers in terms of where they are going and what they are up to? We know why: it is a green, left-wing agenda so it can introduce all of these green zones right across Queensland that small businesses have developed to establish their own identity, business and fish marks over 20 years, as many on the Sunshine Coast have. The government will now be seeing all of that information, yet it does not need it.

The rollout of GPS trackers has been completely botched, and I particularly refer to the YB3i units. A supplier on the Gold Coast is supplying these units. The supplier is a car audio place. It is not even a fishing place. It is not a boat place or marine place; it is a vehicle audio place where they sell radios and CDs and subwoofers for cars. There have been accusations of dodgy operations. We have also had Claire Andersen from Fisheries changing the goal posts to accommodate these operators—not looking at what the fishers want but these potentially dodgy operators who are supplying these but not maintaining them and not supplying them on time and yet the fishers are required to have them from 1 January. I will stick up for the fishers on the Sunshine Coast and all of Queensland. That is why I will support the disallowance motion. I ask all honourable members to do the same.