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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (7.21 pm): I rise to talk about the wonderful community in which I live on the bayside. I am so proud to be able to represent such a wonderful community. We often compare living in our community to living on an island because we are bordered by the wonderful Moreton Bay—we all get to enjoy the beautiful bay—and we are also surrounded by the Brisbane River, Lota Creek and a little bit of Bulimba Creek. As a consequence, we are very parochial and we look after our own.

We have a wonderful organisation in the bayside called LinC, which actually stands for Love in the Name of Christ. It is an organisation that is made up of all of our area's churches and faith groups. They come together to provide support and care for those in our community. They can provide a lift to a shop, to the doctor or to the hospital. More importantly, recently they have really come to the aid of another wonderful group in my community, our local aphasia group. The aphasia group meets once a month. It is an organisation that comes together for people who have communication disabilities or problems after having a stroke. It has been discovered that quite often singing is very successful in helping people experiencing aphasia and that they can recover from it.

A very good friend of mine, Moira Forrester, who is one of the members of that group, and her mother have spoken to me about a wonderful choir that operates from the electorate of my friend from Logan, Linus Power. They want to be able to travel down to the choir to practise. Unfortunately, many of the members of the group have mobility issues and are unable to drive themselves, and getting to Logan from Wynnum is not always easy. My first thought for them was to contact my wonderful friends at LinC. I received an email today saying that they have formed a very solid and firm friendship with the members of the aphasia group. They are now actually transporting all 10 members of the aphasia group down to Logan. They have set up a roster and each month every one of those members of my aphasia group will be travelling to Logan to join with the Logan choir.

I commend and congratulate them. I am so proud of them, just one of my many community groups. To LinC I say: thank you so much for coming to the party and supporting all of those people in the aphasia group. It means so much to them, their families and carers and also to me and to the greater community. Thank you, LinC. I am so proud of the work they do. I really look forward to working with them into the future.