



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR CHATSWORTH**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Chatsworth Electorate, Small Business

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (6.06 pm): Small business is the backbone of the Queensland economy and I rise this evening to bring attention to the small businesses in the Chatsworth community that have shown strength and resilience throughout the challenges they have had to face during the COVID-19 pandemic. Through visiting and speaking with small business owners of different industries throughout my electorate, I am aware of the difficulties that they have had to overcome and the incredible steps they have taken to adapt. They are all to be commended. As we all know, the full economic impact is yet to be felt and unfortunately there may be tougher times ahead. I want the local businesses of Chatsworth to know that the community is well and truly behind them and that they are not alone in this endeavour.

As a true local who has grown up in Chatsworth it has been incredible to see how the small business community has matured and thrived over the years. Who could have guessed that Kenrose Street in Carina would one day become a busy and popular foodie destination for locals. The Baker's Corner on Kenrose Street has become a one-stop shop for freshly baked goodies provided by the talented owner and baker Ian. Backstreet Espresso is a well-known meet-up point for coffee and just next door is Giovanni's pizza, the place to go for authentic Italian pizza and pasta.

In Chatsworth we are blessed to have an amazing community of small businesses specialising in an array of services and products. Just to name a few, we have many beautiful coffee shops like Urban Cocina, with owner and head chef Jim; Mickle Pickle in Tingalpa; Bob's Bakery at Belmont—my go-to for a delicious pie from owner Brett; and Elio's pizzeria at Carina Heights run by Paul, an iconic restaurant where my family and I have celebrated many special occasions. For all things hair and beauty, our community relies on the talented hairdressers and barbers like Special FX Hair Studio, Theo's award-winning Carina BarberShop, Mr Men Barbers and RJ Hair Studio amongst many. Due to my lack of hair I cannot use their amazing services, but I do love dropping by for a good old chat instead.

**Ms Bates** interjected.

**Mr MINNIKIN:** When small businesses were feeling the brunt of the COVID impacts I launched a #buylocalchatsworth campaign to help, support and promote buying locally. For Mother's Day I supported local florists, the Carina Florist and Flowers by the Bay at Gumdale. To replace our much loved meat tray raffles I was happy to support award-winning local butcher Carina North Quality Meats with owner Michael, iconic Salm's butcher at Carindale and was interested to learn about the beauty industry with Gretchen, the owner of Magnolia House in Gumdale.

I would also like to acknowledge everyone in the Chatsworth community who has been doing their part to support small businesses. I know some have gone out of their way to buy as much as they can from smaller shops and family run businesses. I have had so many residents reach out to me asking

how they can support local mum-and-dad businesses that have been doing it tough—tough indeed. To all Chatsworth small businesses, take a bow.

**Mr SPEAKER:** The member for Mudgeeraba is cautioned for attacking members who are follicly challenged.