



Speech By  
**Michael Hart**


**MEMBER FOR BURLEIGH**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Burleigh Pavilion**

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (7.11 pm): In 1953, there was a rock pool built at Burleigh, right in front of where the Burleigh Pavilion is now. It was there for 30-odd years and lots of people used it—

**Mr Langbroek:** That's where I learned to swim!

**Mr HART:** I take the interjection from the member for Surfers Paradise. He learned to swim there. It was a great facility, but unfortunately it caused some environmental issues and it started to cost a lot of money to operate. In 1987, along came a developer who said, 'Let's move that rock pool. Let's put a beach pavilion in there. We will build a pool. In return for providing that community service in the form of a pool and a gym, please allow us to operate some restaurants there.' That was negotiated with the department of natural resources and for the last 40-odd years or so, that has happened down in Burleigh.

Recently and very disappointingly, the newest owner of that facility has decided to remove the swimming pool and is seeking a hotel licence. I do not support the removal of the swimming pool and I definitely do not support a hotel being in that location. I have had conversations with the proponent about the original deal that was made with the government and specified that the wording of the lease must be complied with, namely—

The lessee must use the leased land for commercial business purposes, namely for a swimming pool, kiosk, restaurant and associated health facility purpose and for no other purpose whatsoever.

It is really disappointing to see that the latest development takes away the original major swimming pool and leaves what is basically a splash pool. I am not going to stand for it.

In the past I wrote to the former minister for natural resources, Anthony Lynham. I will table his response that the government would enforce the lease. I also table a story about the rock pool that was there previously.

*Tabled paper:* Letter, dated 17 February 2020, from the Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Hon. Dr Anthony Lynham, to the member for Burleigh, Mr Michael Hart MP, regarding the Burleigh Beach Pavilion [711](#).

*Tabled paper:* Article, undated, titled 'The Burleigh Rock Pool' [712](#).

I say to the proponent: leave the swimming pool there and do not apply for a hotel licence. The people of Burleigh do not want to lose the swimming pool. My grandchildren learned to swim there and, as we have heard, the member for Surfers Paradise learned to swim in the rock pool before that. It is an important piece of infrastructure for the people of Burleigh and we want it to stay there.