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## ADJOURNMENT

### Chatsworth Electorate, Makeables

 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (6.05 pm): I want to acknowledge the success of a wonderful organisation in my electorate of Chatsworth—that being the fantastic new business partnership between the Smith's chips factory and the Multicap's Makeables team based in Tingalpa. Many members in the chamber tonight may have heard of the organisation Multicap. I think what they do is particularly impactful, as their primary focus is to provide people from all walks of life with every opportunity needed to thrive. In making this happen, they offer several experiences and services that provide creative and social pleasure for their clients, as well as community hubs and housing which are tailored to suit the individual and families' needs.

In their pursuit to help clients with employment and training opportunities, they discovered there was not much out there so they decided to start their own employment service which would fill this gap to facilitate employment pathways for people with disability. They now have three businesses, and one of these is the mighty Makeables team who offer reliable and cost-effective services to businesses who require manual production and distribution tasks to be completed, like packaging and finishing. Every time I visit their warehouse at Tingalpa, I am pleased to learn about the incredible brands and local businesses they have partnered with and the new projects they are working on.

It brought me great delight to hear about Makeables most recent business partnership with the Smith's chips factory also in my Chatsworth electorate. When you are next at your local supermarket reaching for a packet of Red Rock Deli chips, you can put them in the shopping trolley knowing it may have been packed and sealed with love by the Makeables team in Tingalpa.

I want to thank the team leaders and warehouse managers at Multicap who have helped lead, support and mentor the Makeables team since the very beginning. I want to also make special mention of Multicap's general manger, Tony Burns OAM, who has recently been awarded an Order of Australia medal in the general division for his dedicated service to people with disabilities. When I last visited, he said something to me which I believe is very powerful. He said, 'If you're having a bad day, I guarantee visiting one of our facilities will turn your day around.' I can attest to this, as every time I visit the employees at Makeables, their smiles speak for themselves. It is rare to walk around a workplace and see how genuinely happy everyone is.

Multicap has transformed the lives of so many people with disabilities. It is humbling to support an organisation that continues to make a positive impact within the Chatsworth community and beyond. I look forward to seeing what is next for Makeables. It is safe to say the employees are stoked about their new gig with Smith's chips. Speaking of gigs, I am also looking forward to being their guest DJ at their forthcoming employee Christmas party, and the playlist will be awesome.