




Speech By
Hon. Mark Furner

MEMBER FOR FERNY GROVE

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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Domestic and Family Violence, Fundraiser

 **Hon. ML FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities) (2.22 pm): Although for a couple of months last year I may have saved money on haircuts by having my head shaved supporting, along with my crew, domestic and family violence, the money raised—some \$48,000—went towards a south-western Queensland refuge and would have helped many women and children escape domestic and family violence. This year I am keeping my hair on. I am changing tack. We are conducting a raffle, with prizes donated by many of our primary producers. We are also seeking donations.

Some of the highlights of the raffle are three nights accommodation at Sea World for four plus four unlimited entries to four theme parks, valued at \$1,700; a wheelbarrow full of trade tools, valued at \$800; two meat vouchers valued at \$500 each—a big thanks to the Lee family from Australian Country Choice; one meat voucher valued at \$500 from Brad and the team at Rode Road Meats—thanks to Terry Nolan from Nolan Meats at Gympie; lunch at the Regatta Hotel, valued at \$300—a big thanks to Jim Banaghan for securing that; and a gift basket from the member for Mount Ommaney. That is just a selection of the 30 prizes, totalling nearly \$10,000, going towards supporting victims of domestic and family violence. This side of the chamber supports women and their children escaping domestic and family violence. Tickets are \$20 each or you can get five for \$100. They are available if you search 'Mark Furner RaffleLink'. I table the flyer with a QR code where members can donate or seek tickets for purchase.

Tabled paper: Flyer for Save the Children Fundraiser [1883](#).

Proceeds will go towards a south-western refuge in Queensland to support women and children from all parts of the state of Queensland who have escaped domestic and family violence. I have been supporting the values of White Ribbon Australia for many decades. I, along with many of my team, will continue supporting this refuge, as will the team from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. I want to put on the record my sincere thanks to the members of that team, in particular Wayne and Annette Hall from DAF, who have tirelessly collected funds and donations towards this event. Without their tireless efforts it would not have been possible.

The raffle will be drawn on the Speaker's Green at 1.15 pm on 2 December. I have organised for the Clerk to be the person to press the electronic button, to make sure there is no involvement with anyone who has purchased tickets. It is not too late. Please go to the QR code or search 'Mark Furner RaffleLink' and make sure you secure your tickets because I would hate for anyone to miss out. These are excellent prizes and it is a great cause.