




Speech By
Michael Crandon

MEMBER FOR COOMERA

Record of Proceedings, 14 October 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Seniors Month; Comments by Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (6.13 pm): It is Seniors Month, something that is very close to my heart. To celebrate, Pimpama Probus is hosting the Probus Seniors Expo. The Expo is next Tuesday, 18 October and it runs from 10 am till 2 pm at the Pimpama School of Arts hall. There is free entry, free morning tea, free sausage sizzle, an hourly lucky door prize, and I am doing the official opening of the Seniors Expo.

This month of celebration kicked off on Saturday, 1 October, the United Nations International Day of Older Persons of which I am proud to say I am one. That perhaps might have had something to do with the chuckling that was going on before. There are some special considerations given to older persons. Indeed, my wife and I experienced special consideration recently. We were on holidays and went to an iconic restaurant where you cannot book. One has to line up outside and wait to be invited in. That was quite an interesting experience in itself but it was well worth the wait. The special consideration was after placing our order we heard the server say to the head waiter, 'Could you take this elderly couple upstairs where they will have more room?' We had a bit of a chuckle and thoroughly enjoyed our time and special treatment. The specialty of the house that everyone lined up for was a very inexpensive lobster soup, and it was delicious. I encourage all members to get involved in Seniors Month events this month if they have not done so already.

Another important area that we as local members get involved in is our P&Cs and P&Fs. I am hosting a special networking event next Tuesday at my office. We will have some special guests: the P&C Queensland president and the Queensland Gambling Community Benefit Fund unit is coming along as special guest speaker as well as a spokesperson from Sport and Recreation Queensland to give people a bit of an insight into what they might be able to do.

I will devote the rest of my remaining time to the disappointing way those opposite handled the member for Ferny Grove's disgusting, misogynistic comments in this place. The Premier said, 'I've had a chat to him and he's apologised.' Really? Is that it? Is that all she is going to do? What is worse, though, is the Attorney-General and Minister for Women simply said the same thing. She said, 'He has apologised. I think that's the end of the matter. Nothing more required.' She shrugged her shoulders and asked what all the fuss was about. I called out, 'As long as he's sorry it's okay! He can say whatever he wants to say as long as he apologises!' I was quite rightly warned for my outburst by Mr Speaker. I fully understand his decision and I accept it. My sentiment rang true, though, with many, many people. The sentiment was that this government minister can say whatever he wants to say whenever he wants to say it as long as he apologises for it.