




Speech By
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Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities; Buderim Electorate

 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (7.04 pm): What we have just seen from the minister for agriculture in guillotining debate on an issue of critical importance to coastal communities right across Queensland is nothing short of a disgrace. Guillotining debate when members like the member for Whitsunday and the member for Burdekin—

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock! Members leaving the chamber will do so quietly. Any members who interject whilst not in their seat will be warned under the standing orders.

Mr MICKELBERG: The minister guillotined the debate when members like the member for Whitsunday and the member for Burdekin had not had an opportunity to place on the record the concerns of their community about this critical issue—a critical issue which, I might add, has resulted in individuals in the Whitsunday electorate attempting to take their own life. That that debate would be guillotined because the minister for agriculture is being so thin-skinned that he does not want to debate this issue is a disgrace.

Let's have a look at Furner's 'greatest hits'. He is a minister who does not know the difference between a feedlot and a food lot, whatever that is. He shut down the live-export industry when he was in the Senate—proud to shut down the live-export industry—bringing the Queensland beef industry to its knees with his mate Joe Ludwig. 'Furner, the fire ants' friend'. Fire ants are rampaging across Queensland and are now into New South Wales under this minister's watch. To top it all off, what about proudly locking the gates at Longreach Pastoral College—proudly locking up an important institution that delivers for the entire west and central west.

This minister is not fit to be a minister of the Crown, and Queenslanders are looking forward to the day when they get to pass judgement, and I am looking forward to the day when the minister for agriculture, the member for Ferny Grove, is not here in this House. Let's show Labor the door in '24.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): Pause the clock! Member for Pine Rivers and member for Gregory, you will both cease your quarrelling across the chamber. It is incredibly distracting.

Mrs D'ATH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member for Buderim was just reflecting on the absence of a member in the chamber. I ask that he withdraw because they are not to do that and he should know that.

Mr MICKELBERG: I withdraw. To be clear, Mr Deputy Speaker, I was reflecting on his future absence, when he is no longer elected, but I withdraw unreservedly and I will move on.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you. You have to withdraw unreservedly.

Mr MICKELBERG: A change of pace: the Palmview State Primary School has joined a prestigious cohort, becoming an Apple Distinguished School—just one of 13 in Queensland. There are fewer than 900 schools in the world that are delivering the Apple program, so it is a major coup for the Palmview

community and the Palmview learning community, and it all thanks to the hardworking staff at the Palmview State Primary School. Their commitment to innovation and excellence in delivering technology teaching to their students is exceptional. There is a special presentation happening at the school this Thursday morning, but unfortunately I will be unable to attend as I will be here. However, I know that students and staff will be celebrating, as they rightly should. I take this opportunity to congratulate them. They have helped cement a culture of leadership and innovation which will benefit the community for many years to come in the short time that the Palmview State Primary School has existed.

I also want to congratulate the owners of Amaze World, Robyn and Adam. Amaze World was recently named Sunshine Coast Business of the Year for 2023. It has been growing in leaps and bounds over recent years as they expand their outdoor attraction with different activities for the whole family, all while maintaining their sustainable practices. There is lots to do for the kids—mazes and playgrounds, an augmented reality feature with dinosaurs, and all sorts of things. Last school holidays I had the opportunity to go there with my son Alex; now all my kids want to go there these next Christmas holidays. Not only did Amaze World take home the top gong but also they won the Large Experiences category for the second year in a row. Well done to all the great Buderim businesses that were recognised at the Sunshine Coast Business Awards this year.