



Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Couran Cove



Mr CRISAFULLI (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (6.04 pm): I quote—

... our problems over here are getting worse ... someone has to help us.

And—

I am blind and recently moved here for the lifestyle. I am on a blind pension and the increase will be impossible to pay.

And—

There is currently no supply of sewerage, water or power ...

And—

Without these essential services, basic human needs cannot be met. There are still permanent residents on site, who have no other option of a place to go.

And—

We purchased a free standing residence ... in the ... resort, off the plan in 1997 and have watched with dismay over the past 6 or so years as the resort infrastructure, facilities and common property have fallen into disrepair and the services (garbage, path maintenance, building maintenance etc) to the individual Lots have fallen away to almost nothing despite the ongoing payment of increasing levies for these services.

And—

My Husband and I are now in the position where we are not allowed to have transport on the island.

And—

We need urgent help to restore our services even if it is temporary while the court cases are dealt with.

And—

We do not live in a war-torn country or in a Third World nation. To have our services cut like this through no fault of our own is absolutely disgraceful. Having no help offered by our government is even more disappointing.

These are not comments from one individual. They are comments from dozens of residents living on Couran Cove, dozens of residents who need help and they need it urgently. I have written repeatedly to the Attorney. I have written repeatedly asking for their cries of help to be heard. They need help, and they need it now.

I want to read a quote from the Attorney which states—

While I am very concerned about the impacts of these ongoing issues and disputes of residents on Couran Cove, as you would appreciate, it would not be appropriate for me as Attorney-General to seek to intervene in those matters.

It would be appropriate, Attorney. It would be. They need help. What form that assistance takes is one that this parliament must find. There are people living in conditions that are like a war zone. We are not talking about some impoverished nation. It is on the Gold Coast. It is in my electorate of Broadwater. These residents need help. What are the solutions? It is up to this parliament to find a way through.

Finally to Jack McKay, who leaves today for greener pastures—a political tragic, someone who has been a great friend of this House—we wish him well in his new endeavours.