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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Wynnum Fringe

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.52 pm): Dare I say two words: Wynnum Fringe. What a great success it has been, with over 200 performers across all of the venues, which include the Raine & Horne Wynnum Opera House, the Downtown Toyota Piano Lounge, the BMD Feastival, Barton's Backstage Bar, the Bank of Queensland Wonderland Spiegeltent, the Quandamooka First Nations Zone and Jayco's Lunchbox. Twenty thousand tickets have been sold already and that is not including the people who have come to enjoy the free performances like listening to Doctor DJ down at the piano lounge who, might I say, is fantastic. It also did not include the 5,000-plus people who joined me on Sunday for the Bay Pride event.

Spectators lined the street to cheer on all of the people who were supporting inclusiveness, kindness and love. Residents lined the Esplanade and had street parties and parties on their verandas and cheered on those 5,000 people who stood up in support of our entire community—unlike the LNP powerbrokers who chose to have a protest, which was shameful. I have spoken in the past about the nasty flyers that were put out depicting terrible images. They sadly attached my name to these things. In the day and age that we live in now where we are an inclusive, kind community, hopefully across all of Australia—certainly down in my electorate—people do not accept this attitude. That was seen in spades. There was so much love, unity and kindness on display at the Bay Pride parade and I am really proud that I participated in that event. I am proud of the mums and dads, grandmas, aunties, grandads, little kids and everyone who came out to enjoy that wonderful activity.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my staff, Jo, Nikki and Hugh, for the great work that they do looking after me and also all the wonderful frontline staff at Gundu Pa, our teachers, our staff at the QCESA facility, the QAS, the fire station, corrections, Queensland Transport and Queensland Rail. I am really excited about the Big Build that is going on in my electorate which includes the Lindum accessibility upgrade, Darling Point Special School and Manly State School. This is all thanks to the progressive coal royalties which we know will probably go if this mob over here are ever elected. The BCC sadly have indicated that they will not be continuing their funding for the Lindum road network upgrades, just like the pamphlet that does not mention anything about arts and culture or women in sport.