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ADJOURNMENT

Glass House Electorate, Small Business Awards; Kilcoy-Beerwah Road

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (7.02 pm): May is just around the corner and May is Queensland's small business month, which means—

Mr Janetzki interjected.

Mr POWELL: I take that interjection from the member for Toowoomba South. We love our small businesses here in Queensland. That means it is time for the world famous 'Glassies', the Glass House Small Business Awards. They are bigger than the Oscars. They are more hotly contested than the Emmys, the BAFTAs and the Logies combined. It is the Glassies, celebrating all that is amazing about our small businesses and their employees that make the Glass House electorate what it is.

I had the great privilege of launching these alongside Maleny Commerce, the Montville Chamber of Commerce, the Glass House Country Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Caboolture Chamber of Commerce and the Woodford and Wamuran Business Network. You have to be in it to win it. Nominations open this Friday, 22 March. Head to www.andrewpowell.com.au to nominate your favourite small business and employee. You have to be nominated to be in the running. You, too, could end up taking out the coveted Gold Glassie, like Tamara Hazelden Real Estate did last year or Jim Goulton of Maleny Jewellers. You have to be in it to win it.

Whilst we are celebrating, the people of Peachester, Cedarton and Stanmore and road users in the area finally have some good news: Kilcoy-Beerwah Road at Cedarton is set to be restored to two lanes starting this month—if the government is to be believed. Let's not forget, this is two years after half the road was washed away in March 2022—two years of emails to the transport and main roads department, emails to not one but two ministers, two years of questions on notice, two years of petitions and two years of media interviews. Tragically, do members know what it finally took? It took a birthday cake. It took one of the saddest birthday celebrations I have ever participated in as I stood at those traffic lights at Cedarton on Kilcoy-Beerwah Road with a birthday cake. It was only then that this Minister for Main Roads finally awarded a contract for the work to start.