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## ADJOURNMENT

### Glassies Awards

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (7.43 pm): Take the Australian Fashion Week, the AACTA awards, the Tonies, the Golden Globes and more, all combined and made better and you get the Glassies—the Glass House Small Business Awards. Each year, I hold the Glassies to celebrate small business owners and employees in the region because our region is built on small and family businesses. The awards are a collaborative effort alongside the Montville, Maleny and Glasshouse Country chambers of commerce, as well as the Woodford and Wamuran Business Network.

Almost 2,000 votes were cast for the 90 businesses and 41 employees nominated by their customers, peers and bosses this year. The gala event is the culmination of two months of celebrating all that small business is and does for your communities.

I would like to firstly acknowledge the gold winners of the 2024 Glassies—Club Glass House took out the overall best business award, and Michelle McNeill from Max 24 Hour Fitness Wamuran brought home the best employee award. Club Glass House have been striving hard for a Glassies win for years now, so it was not a difficult decision to give them the gong this year. They are truly the place to be for meals and socialising, a game of lawn bowls, and the owners and team are actively involved in supporting many local charities. Down in Wamuran, Michelle has given her heart and soul to the gym and her broader community for 13 years now, all the while dealing with a daughter fighting cancer, a son with high functioning Asperger's, another son with recurrent epilepsy, and being actively involved with her six-year-old grandson and triplet 2½-year-old granddaughters. Talk about a busy woman!

Now onto our other fantastic winners. In the Moreton Bay region: well done to Wamuran Country Meats, Grind & Graze, Tammy Cochran from Peries IGA Woodford, and Taylor Bloomfield from Grind & Graze. In Glasshouse Country: CrossFit True Phorm, Glasshouse Country & Maleny News, Billie Glover from That Little Dress Shop, and Kiana Devine H from Whites IGA Mooloolah all took home trophies. In Maleny: crowd favourite Easton Lawyers, Concept Coffee, Kirsten Dance from Maleny Veterinary Services and Tilly Beckett from Concept Coffee are all celebrating wins. Last but not least, the Montville region saw awards given to The Barn on Flaxton, Fudgyboombahs, Shiralee Cooper from Illume Creations and Molly Graves from The Barn on Flaxton. I cannot forget our new Hall of Fame entrants—Rosetta Books in Maleny, Maleny Jewellers, the Clock Shop of Montville, and Crystal Multiverse, also from Montville. Well done to all the winners, and well-deserved.

Finally, I need to give a shout-out to our fantastic venue for the Glassies this year—the Mooloolah Valley Country Club. Members, if you are ever up Mooloolah way for lunch or dinner, the Mooloolah Valley Country Club is the place to be. You will not leave hungry, that is for sure.

In the time remaining, I would love to acknowledge my gorgeous wife and three of my children in the gallery here this evening.