



Speech By  
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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Wynnum Fringe**

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (11.39 pm): The Wynnum Fringe festival is here. It is running from 2 to 20 July. Our bayside is set to explode with colour, culture and connection as Wynnum Fringe returns with its biggest celebration ever. A blockbuster program of music, comedy, cabaret, kids shows and circus will light up the Augathella Spiegeltent. That is right: the spiegeltent from Augathella has been purchased by Wynnum Fringe and brought to Wynnum.

Every year the festival has gone from strength to strength. Ticket sales are through the roof. It brings colour and vibrancy to my local bayside community in the electorate of Lytton. In terms of driving economic growth, everyone is a winner—small businesses, accommodation providers and creatives.

We know that, sadly, those opposite hate the arts. It is in their DNA. I am not really sure why. Perhaps it is because, deep down, they are still recovering from that time they did not get cast in the high school musical. Ever since then they have had a vendetta against the arts. Maybe it is not that they hate the arts; maybe they are just confused by them. Perhaps they think fringe festivals are about haircuts. Maybe the LNP just do not like a bit of colour in life. Maybe the world should just be painted in 'LNP blue'. Even maroon is way too far out there for the LNP. They had to change the colour of our state's logos, for goodness sake!

The local hardcore group of cooks that run the Lytton LNP spit out their usual online bile every time they hear the words 'Wynnum Fringe'—threatening sponsors, supporters and creatives. Yes, that does really happen. The Wynnum Fringe festival proudly sponsors the Bay Pride march, which kicks off at 11.30 this Sunday at the Wynnum Wading Pool. Wouldn't it be nice if government members showed their support? Tickets are now on sale.

Our government funded the Wynnum Fringe festival through Arts Queensland because we recognised the value and benefit. It is not clear exactly what festivals will be supported by this government. Perhaps it is based on who the local member is or just on picking winners. So much for the Queensland Creative Futures arts uplift; it depends on your postcode.

**Government members** interjected.

**Ms PEASE:** I look forward to clarity regarding funding for festivals and I encourage everyone—even members opposite who are having a go at me—

**A government member:** What about the country muster?

**Ms PEASE:** If the member had listened to what I was talking about, he would know that the spiegeltent actually came from Augathella. The festival is actually called 'Wynnum to the West'. I encourage those opposite who are going to town on me for talking about the arts to come down and have a look. We are having a B & S ball and everything!