



Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Mudgeeraba Electorate, Boral Quarry

 **Hon. RM BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training) (9.06 pm): I rise once again on a matter of great importance to my community, particularly the residents of Reedy Creek, Tallebudgera and Old Burleigh Town. This is Boral's second attempt to propose a quarry at Reedy Creek. The message from our community over the past few weeks has been crystal clear: we do not want a quarry. A quarry does not belong in a residential area. We did not support this quarry in Reedy Creek 10 years ago, and we do not support it now. Council must reject this latest application. Council needs to do its job. The only development application at the moment is before council and I expect that council will do its job, just like it did last time.

I was very proud to join hundreds of Reedy Creek locals and residents from the Tallebudgera Valley and Old Burleigh Town with my colleagues the member for Burleigh and the member for Currumbin on Saturday in protest as we stood united against a Reedy Creek quarry. It was not the first time that we have stood alongside Reedy Creek locals protesting against a quarry, and I am no Johnny-come-lately to this fight. I have fought against this quarry since 2010 and my position has not changed, and locals know it has not changed. The facts also have not changed. A quarry will see more traffic congestion, impacts to property prices and consequences for the health of Reedy Creek residents.

It was critical that our communities voiced their concerns to council, which has so far not told us what it is going to do with this quarry. I expect that it would do what it did last time and have the courage of its convictions and come out and tell the voters of Currumbin, Burleigh and Mudgeeraba exactly what it is going to do. The mayor was very vocal last time. He actually led the fight against the quarry, so I hope the mayor will have the courage of his convictions and do it again and reject this quarry.

I was so pleased to see so many locals join our fight. It was wonderful to see new families fighting alongside the people who were there with me in 2010. We wrote to the local councillor and they all lodged a formal objection to the Gold Coast City council. It was just a pity that locals were not told that there was an application in the first place, but thank goodness they put pen to paper. It is my understanding that there are almost 10,000 applications against this quarry, so that is a pretty strong voice—people power—to the Gold Coast City council.

We have heard lots of toing and froing about this application. This application is no different from the one 10 years ago. It is the same process and we need to make sure that the council does the same thing and does its job and stops this quarry.