




Speech By
Hon. Ros Bates

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ADJOURNMENT

Reedy Creek, Quarry

 **Hon. RM BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training) (9.27 pm): I rise to update the House on the latest in my community's fight against a quarry at Reedy Creek. Written submissions to the Deputy Premier regarding the proposed call-in notice for the Reedy Creek quarry closed today, and I wish to place on the record my thanks to our community for their incredible response to this application.

From day one our community have been steadfast in their opposition to a Reedy Creek quarry. We have seen a remarkable grassroots campaign culminating in hundreds of locals from across the Gold Coast joining myself and the members for Currumbin and Burleigh at a community rally against a Reedy Creek quarry a month ago in Coplick Park. We saw generations of Gold Coasters standing shoulder to shoulder, unified in their opposition to a quarry in our backyard. It was incredible to see locals who fought against the quarry the first time around once again manning placards and organising protesters.

I remember reflecting in this House all those years ago that I had never seen an issue that stirred such a response within my electorate, and that remains true to this day. Whether it was concerns about health, local road access, housing values, environmental impacts or many other reasons, locals turned out in droves and were steadfast in their opposition to this quarry.

I would like to place on record my thanks to locals like Sam Stewart, Lorraine Cook, Rob Balanda and Tony Davis—the original 'Stop the Gold Coast quarry' group who never thought we would be back here but, nevertheless, answered the call from our community when they were once again needed. I would also like to acknowledge Kimberley Seymour, Mike Keith, Bronwyn Wright, Emma Brown and Susan-Ann Hagan for their significant efforts in organising our community rally.

By way of next steps, I confirm that the Deputy Premier in his role as Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning will consider all submissions received carefully and determine whether to call the application in over the coming weeks. I am also able to inform our community that the matter of the key resource area designation remains under consideration by the Deputy Premier following my correspondence on the matter and will be further considered after the issue of the call-in is finalised.

I know our community is eager to know the outcome of this application. I will continue to provide updates as soon as they are to hand. I thank my community and the community members at Old Burleigh Town, Tallebudgera Valley and Reedy Creek for standing shoulder to shoulder with me and my colleagues, the member for Burleigh and the member for Currumbin, to stop this quarry once and for all.