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## **CANUNGRA AREA GOLF CLUB**

 **Mr KRAUSE** (Beaudesert—LNP) (3.57 pm): I rise in the House to talk about an issue affecting a golf club in my electorate, the Canungra Area Golf Club, which is located within the Kokoda Army Barracks at Canungra. I have here a letter from the golf club addressed to the federal member for Wright, Mr Scott Buchholz. This letter has been brought to my attention as the local representative in this place. It outlines the fact that the Commonwealth Department of Defence intends to demolish their clubhouse.

This golf club has been situated within the barracks for quite a long time and until a few years ago their greens and lawns were maintained by the Department of Defence. Unfortunately, that arrangement came to an end. For the last five years the club itself has been maintaining the course out of its own funds. It applied for some grant funds as well, but through volunteer labour and its own fundraising it has kept the golf course going in the area for the benefit of the whole community.

In this letter I have it is said that the demolition of their golf clubhouse will cost around \$90,000. However, if an arrangement were made with the Commonwealth Department of Defence to replace the facilities, the saving to the Commonwealth would be substantial and the community would also maintain its facilities. As honourable members would know, a golf course cannot function without a clubhouse. After players have completed their 18 holes in a day they need to have somewhere to meet and socialise. That is a lot of the reason people play golf.

I bring the conundrum of this golf club to the attention of the House and assure the residents of Canungra and the members of the golf club that I will be lobbying the Commonwealth Minister for Defence and working with my federal colleague the member for Wright to bring about a solution which will enable their club to continue. We need to have a healthy society, and people playing golf and walking the fairways is one way that people can stay healthy and active.

It is also an important tourist attraction for the area of Canungra. Canungra is situated at the base of Tamborine Mountain, which overlooks the ocean. It is a beautiful place to visit. If we are serious about promoting tourism in South-East Queensland and in particular in the Scenic Rim, we should be making sure that facilities and clubs like this continue. I will be writing to the Minister for Defence and putting the case that they should enable the Canungra Area Golf Club's clubhouse to be repaired or replaced to enable the community of Canungra and the Kokoda Barracks to continue to have the use of this facility for years to come.