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TINNIE AND TACKLE SHOW

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (10.00 pm): The Tinnie and Tackle Show is again on in Brisbane over this weekend, at the RNA Showgrounds from 8 to 10 April. I would like to invite all of Brisbane, South-East Queensland and regional Queensland to come along for at least a day and to bring their families. Last year my young children attended with me and went through the children's program. It was a lot of family fun and the kids learned about fishing responsibly and sustainably. It is very important that, as adults, we bring our kids to such events with positive messages so that they learn the importance of the marine environment and how to be responsible with our wonderful marine life. It is so important that they learn not to be apologetic for living in and enjoying their environment, while at the same time protecting our marine environment and all marine life. The website states—

The 2011 Brisbane Tinnie and Tackle Show is pleased to be bringing you the much loved Fishing Expo featuring some of Queensland's most respected names in recreational fishing.

Presenters will be giving away the tips and tricks that work for them with plenty of opportunities to win some great prizes too—no wonder the fish are swimming scared!

Some of the key topics from Friday through to Sunday include big tailor from the surf beaches with Dave 'Nugget' Downie; refined techniques for large snapper; Yamaha supertank lure fishing, which is a lot of fun to watch and for the kids to see; charter fishing offshore in South-East Queensland; catching mullet; trolling for Cape Moreton pelagics; the weigh-in for the Humminbird bream competition; luring for Moreton Bay bream; catching bass and red claw; Gold Coast spotties and spaniards; saratoga fishing in South-East Queensland; the Berkley kids fishing show; ultimate extreme fishing adventures; wild caught barra from Kakadu to the Pilbara; and a whole range of other fun things you can join in. I would like to encourage as many people as possible to take advantage of these events and topics over the weekend. Congratulations go to the Tinnie and Tackle Show for providing such a good, wholesome and positive fishing message and I look forward to it on the weekend.

In contrast, it is very disappointing that extreme Greens are peddling a message of guilt about fishing. The extreme Greens party and the far left of the Labor party—the likes of the member for Ashgrove—want to close down more good fishing areas in order to shore up Greens preferences ahead of the next election. That is why the government imposed a recent six-week ban on fishing for snapper. Bans, closures and lock-ups of good fishing spots are in Labor's DNA. Labor MPs, under the influence of the member for Ashgrove, have undergone a green mutation such that they are genetically predisposed to stop, ban and close fishing. They are currently working on two- to four-month-long snapper bans for later this year or in 2012 without having any hard data at all. We need a positive, can-do fishing message that says we 'can do' in Queensland so long as we fish sustainably.