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**Toondah Harbour**

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (3.04 pm): The Newman LNP government is getting Cleveland and Redland city back on track by approving Toondah Harbour as a priority development area, a PDA. Previous governments and councils have dreamt of a major upgrade of Toondah Harbour for the last 30 years, but this decision to fast-track Toondah Harbour by declaring it a priority development of the state will help bring it to pass.

On 16 May the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning visited the Cleveland electorate to announce the long anticipated decision. This announcement was great news to the residents of Cleveland, North Stradbroke Island and all of the Redlands which all stand to gain from the proposed development at Toondah Harbour. I thank the Deputy Premier and his staff for his visit and the historically significant announcement.

The Toondah Harbour upgrade will improve the harbour's transport facilities, open up tourism, boost local small businesses, generate much needed local job opportunities in the construction and tourism and hospitalities industries and provide for the future of North Stradbroke Island. The creation of many new jobs locally will also ease congestion on our roads as fewer workers travel to and from the city for work. Fewer apprentices and tradies in the construction industry will have to take the drive into the city every working day. Our youth and seniors in the tourism and hospitality sector will be able to get to and from work without clogging up the roads or adding to public transport pressures.

The PDA declaration was the first step in opening up a number of mixed use proposal ideas for the Toondah Harbour site. The potential major components of the proposed development are dedicated ferry terminals, a marina, tourist and retail areas—including cafes and restaurants—residential units, a convention centre and public open space areas. Various permutations of these kinds of developments are all possible.

I would like to commend the work of Economic Development Queensland in identifying the Toondah Harbour site. The EDQ worked closely with the Redland City Council and Mayor Karen Williams. The fact that the local Redland City Council was able to work so well in consultation with the Newman government is a testament to how projects can be resolved when both parties maintain the same agenda. This kind of cooperation is one of the reasons for this 30-year breakthrough.

This announcement is a welcome commitment by the Newman government to the future viability and growth of North Stradbroke Island. The improvement of transport facilities to North Stradbroke Island will lay the foundations for growth in the all-important tourist industry throughout the Redlands. To ensure that this industry is given the room to develop, it is essential that we make sure the gateway or front door to North Stradbroke Island is accessible and advanced in a way that sustains a growing economy.

I also thank federal member Andrew Laming and my state colleagues Peter Dowling and Steve Davies for their ongoing support.