



Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENTS

Cleaning Up the Bay Campaign

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (2.43 pm): The Cleaning Up the Bay campaign run by Clubs Queensland is underway and is gaining momentum in Cleveland and Redland City. Last Sunday I had the privilege to be at the beautiful Wellington Point Reserve with three of the St George Queensland Reds who signed up to help out, together with CEO of Clubs Queensland, Doug Flockhart, and my Capalaba colleague, Steve Davies. The Queensland Reds players Eddie Quirk, a Redland City local, Greg Holmes and Jake Schatz are great ambassadors for the game, and I thank them for their support. It was a great community day with members of the local Redlands Sporting Club, local rugby juniors, local sports karate and local Wellington Point families. Having the star power of the Reds players at Wellington Point Reserve was great exposure for the up and coming clean-up day.

The Cleaning Up the Bay day will be held on 1 December at 17 collection points throughout Moreton Bay. The Cleveland electorate shares a significant shoreline with Moreton Bay, so it will host four collection points. Two of these points will be on North Stradbroke Island, at Amity Point and Dunwich. The other two spots will be at the Wellington Point Reserve and the Cleveland boat ramp at William Street. At each of the collection clean-up points there will be a skip, bags and gloves provided for all the volunteers on the day. The operation will be on land and water, with people even committing their jet skis and boats. I will be at Wellington Point Reserve on the day along with the three Queensland Reds players and I will be ready to get into it. I encourage everyone to come along to lend a hand at any of the collection points throughout the bay.

I want to commend the Treasurer, Tim Nicholls, for accepting the role of patron of the inaugural Cleaning Up the Bay campaign. The Treasurer's commitment to improving our bay by helping establish this annual event with Clubs Queensland will pave the way for a better bay for us all to enjoy. It was an honour to be selected as an ambassador for the campaign in Cleveland. The role has so far given me the chance to promote the cause of improving our bay and river systems to keep Moreton Bay beautiful for our children and grandchildren. Living on the bay, playing in the bay, fishing or boating in the bay is a vital part of the Cleveland lifestyle. The local community is partly defined by its relationship with the bay. To be involved with a coordinated effort to improve the environmental outlook is important.

I commend the local sports and recreation clubs that have banded together under Clubs Queensland to clean up the bay. I would like to thank in advance the Redlands Boat Club, the Redlands Sporting Club, the Little Ship Club and the Amity Point Community Club for engaging the community networks to ensure that everyone gets out and makes a difference to the wellbeing of the bay. If honourable members are thinking of joining us they can contact one of those clubs or go to the Clubs Queensland website under 'events' and then 'cleaning up the bay'. Of course, I give a big thanks to the Queensland Reds for their valued support.