



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Toondah Harbour, Redevelopment**

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (2.54 pm): The Toondah Harbour priority development is coming along well. This is the most important project to the people of Cleveland over the last 20 years. It is a project that was too difficult for previous Labor governments that had more than 20 years to build it and did nothing. Now they are supporting green radicals who are trying to sink the project—green radicals who love mud more than job opportunities for young people.

On 16 May 2013 the Deputy Premier visited the Cleveland electorate to announce the long-anticipated decision that Toondah Harbour had been approved as a priority development area. This announcement was fantastic news for the residents of Cleveland, North Stradbroke Island and Redland city. The declaration was the first step in opening up a number of mixed use proposal ideas for the Toondah Harbour site, potentially including dedicated and much improved ferry terminals, public open space and parks, better foreshore access, residential infrastructure, tourism and retail opportunities like cafes and restaurants and a marina.

The Toondah Harbour project has progressed since then through two stages of public and community consultation, beginning in August 2013 and concluding in February 2014. During this extensive consultation period I have interacted with a large number of people as I moved around the community and at formal consultation events that have been very well attended. About 2,000 people have been involved in the process in various ways. I am happy to report that besides the few radicals philosophically opposed to any project and Labor Party people, the majority of the community are getting behind this upgrade.

According to a recent Redland City Council phone survey of 300 residents, community support for the project is running high at an amazing 90 per cent level. The survey comes on the back of the latest round of public consultation that has now closed. While the results of the public submissions are still being compiled, it is clear already that local residents support a right sized marina under strict environmental conditions, keeping the GJ Walter Park, dog walking areas and good access to the foreshore, and building in such a way that leaves plenty of green space. The people of Cleveland and Redland city are tired of years of Labor inaction and they are telling us it is now time to do something.

The Toondah Harbour upgrade is also important because it provides for the long-term future of North Stradbroke residents in the transition to a non-sandmining economy. Island residents have welcomed the project. I would like to commend the work of Economic Development Queensland for identifying the project and, together with the council, doing a fine job so far.

We are delivering on Toondah, sandmining and saving the local North Stradbroke Island economy from a Labor recession because this is a government that is delivering for the people of North Stradbroke Island, Cleveland, Redland city—

**Ms Trad** interjected.

**Dr ROBINSON:** You had 20 years and you did nothing.

*(Time expired)*