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Mr ROBERT (Fadden) (6.49 pm)—I wish to bring to the attention of the House the need to continue our moves across the nation to advance recycling so that it becomes a core part of life, and, in the words of *Bob the Builder*, to reduce, reuse and recycle. I recently had the pleasure of a visit to the Visy recycling plant on the Gold Coast, and my thanks go to Greg Cowling, the Supervisor Waste And Recycling Services, and Councillor Bob Le Castra, the chair of the relevant Gold Coast City Council committee for facilitating the visit. The Gold Coast recycles up to 300 tonnes a day, and has a vibrant domestic and export market for the recycled produce.

I particularly want to acknowledge one of the coast's leading recycling proponents, Kenton Campbell, the CEO and founder of Zarraffa's Coffee. Kenton's initiative to look at the life of a cup demonstrates clearly how companies can take a leading role in recycling much of the waste from their company activities. Kenton's move was to track the life of a simple coffee cup used in many coffee shops around the world. He looked at how that coffee cup starts and then moves from being ordered to being used by a consumer to going into recycling bins. He looked especially at cups that have no liners but, rather, use fully recyclable materials so that the cups no longer become waste going into landfills but can be properly recycled. I commend the work he is doing and I commend the work of the House in moving towards sustainable recycling in everything we do.