

LEGOE FAMILY - June 30, 2010

The Hon. R.B. SUCH: I move:

That this house commends the Legoe family for their generosity in donating land in the Coorong to honour Colin Thiele AC.

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (12:24): I too support the motion by the Hon. Bob Such, commending the Legoe family for their generosity in donating land in the Coorong to honour Colin Thiele and, just in light of the donation of the 16 hectares, I believe it is such an act of generosity; I must say that not everyone would be prone to use this same generosity, so I really do commend the Legoe family for that.

In light of the comments of the member for MacKillop, I too studied *Sun on the Stubble* at school, very entertaining reading by the author Colin Thiele, a very successful South Australian author, who also wrote *Storm Boy*, which was made into a very successful film back in the mid-70s. It is with regret I note that the Coorong is a far different place now from what it was back then. Let us hope that in the future—and I know the member for MacKillop mentioned part of the problems with the Murray and the Coorong—as we move forward, as we work towards a sustainable system through the appropriate sustainable diversion limits, as we work with getting more water from the South-East back into the Coorong, that we have a far more sustainable future instead of having, especially in the southern lagoon, a very hyper-saline pool. Let us hope that as a state government, and as governments throughout the Murray-Darling Basin, we can work proactively towards that.

In closing, I will again commend the Legoe family in what they have pursued to do here and what they will be doing. It is great also in recognising their contribution in recognising the contribution of Colin Thiele to this state.