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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.00 pm): Each and every year as we enter the month of August we can always be assured of three things: the Ekka, the strong westerly Ekka winds and Queensland Seniors Week. With the Ekka now behind us, I would like to briefly take this opportunity to congratulate the RNA on another outstanding show this year.

The attention of Queensland has now rightly turned to this week's 2018 Queensland Seniors Week celebrations. Queensland Seniors Week is a week for promoting positive community attitudes towards older people and ageing and to enhance community connections. At the heart of this week is really an opportunity for Queenslanders of all ages to celebrate the many contributions and everyday efforts of members of our Queensland seniors community.

This week, I truly encourage all Queenslanders to celebrate the senior members of their communities. As the shadow minister for communities and shadow minister for disability services and seniors, I was delighted to get a head start on this year's Seniors Week celebrations. Last week, I joined my friend and LNP colleague the member for Buderim for his local seniors forum. It was a terrific and engaging forum. I would like to thank the member for Buderim for his kind invitation.

In my own electorate of Moggill, many suburbs are home to undoubtedly some of this state's best seniors organisations and senior focused community groups. Last week, I had the great honour of being guest speaker at the Kenmore Village Probus Club's 26th birthday morning tea. The morning tea was a fitting celebration of the great work done in my community by so many Kenmore Village Probus Club members. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to President Denise Kearns and the whole Probus Club for everything they do for our local seniors community.

On another matter, I continue to receive quality information on the dubious, unethical and alleged corrupt conduct of certain AMA officials and, specifically, elected AMA representatives with respect to a range of matters in both Queensland and within the federal AMA. I will certainly be considering seeking the advice of external agencies on these matters and I have a lot of material. As the Labor member for Bundamba and all LNP members know, including the state member for Whitsunday, the federal member for Dawson and Queensland LNP senators, as we have seen with the Ipswich City Council, sometimes matters can take years to come to light with subsequent action then taken.

With the AMA in formal collaboration with the ASMOF union—an affiliate of the failed ACTU—the AMA is aligning itself directly with the disgraced CFMEU and other militant unions whereby corruption, harassment, bullying and intimidation have become the modus operandi. Given that the AMA in Queensland is supporting radical social and health policy change—and I table a letter for the

benefit of the House—I suspect that the membership coverage of the AMA, with its current management structure and as a percentage of the entire medical profession currently sitting at around 30 per cent, could drop even further.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 6 March 2018, from the Chair, AMA Queensland Board and Council, Dr Shaun Rudd, to the Secretary, Queensland Law Reform Commission, regarding consultation on abortion law reform [\[1189\]](#).

Finally, last weekend it was great to catch up with the Hon. Peter Dutton, the federal member for Dickson, and the Hon. Tony Abbott, the federal member for Warringah. I congratulate the University of Queensland Liberal National Club, its president, Nerissa Aitken, and all members on a successful alumni gala dinner on Saturday night.