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Keppel shines as locals lead push to get rid of plastic rubbish

The Chair of the Parliamentary Committee reporting on a Bill banning plastic straws has praised the Keppel community and local MP Brittany Lauga for leading the push to get plastic rubbish out of our waterways.

Chris Whiting MP for Bancroft said it was clear that community leaders, such as Jo and Flavia from Plastic Free Livingstone, were showing the way for the rest of Queensland to follow.

“And I want to give thanks to Brittany Lauga MP for pushing to get a hearing in Yeppoon on the Bill,” said Mr Whiting.

“Brittany was very keen to show the incredible amount of support in Keppel to get rid of plastic plates, cutlery, stirrers and straws from our waterways and our landfill.

“The Livingstone Shire Council, Keppel businesses and community groups showed they are deeply committed to taking the step to red rid of this plastic pollution,” said Mr Whiting.

Ms Lauga said: “I was proud to sit on the committee, ask questions and show how Keppel is a leader in Queensland in creating a better environment.

“Shelly McArdle from Capricornia Catchments and Sabrina Burke from Capricorn Coast LandCare made a big impression on everyone.

“They are passionate and committed and real leaders in our community and Queensland.

“There’s a definite opportunity in this ban on single use plastics to push the development of local recycling industries and I’m keen to work and see it happen,” said Ms Lauga.

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The Natural Resources Agricultural Industry and Environment Committee will report to Parliament on the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Plastic Items) Bill by 28 August 2020.

PHOTO: Brittany Lauga with the Member for Ipswich West and committee member Jim Madden (centre) and the Member for Bancroft Chris Whiting.

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