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CANNABIS INDUSTRY AWARDS

Statement

HON SOPHIA MOERMOND (South West) [5.32 pm]: I spoke yesterday about my adventures with Hon Martin Pritchard at the deafness forum, but I had quite a busy break travelling to the eastern states, as well. I attended the Cannabiz Awards in Melbourne. I was super excited to go, firstly because I love a good party, and obviously, with "Cannabiz" in its name, it was going to be very fun, but mainly because Western Australia had three companies nominated. The three nominees were Little Green Pharma, the Margaret River Hemp Co for its amazing hemp-based body butter, and the Herbee Brewing company for its hemp-infused beverages.

Little Green Pharma was our only winner, but it won two awards—one for Best Patient-Focused Initiative and one for R&D Project of the Year. Congratulations to the team at LGP; it was an amazing effort.

This awards night was mainly focused on cannabis, but it was, nonetheless, a bit disappointing that neither of our two home-grown hemp-focused businesses won an award. To remedy this, we have decided to hold our own hemp industry awards night sometime in September in the Swan Valley, so members should let me know if they want some details about that.

Overall, it was a great night out in Melbourne. The weather was quite good. Pretty much everyone in Australia with anything to do with the cannabis industry was there. It was also the largest collection of beautiful green frocks I had ever seen in my life! It was very fun.