



Anger over project delay

CENTENARY Lakes Function Room was packed for the Commerce Caboolture dinner to hear what Moreton Bay Regional mayor Allan Sutherland and deputy mayor Greg Chippendale had to say about the North Harbour (North East Business Park) project.

It has been in the Planning and Environment Court for some time, prompting angry interjections throughout the night from business people concerned with the high unemployment in Caboolture (10%) and a failing economy.

This project is proposed to

address some of those problems.

But Commerce Caboolture president Michelle Lember said the mayor and deputy mayor had been advised by their legal team that they could not answer the set of questions sent earlier but could discuss the history of the project and the status of the development in the court.

Cr Chippendale said council officers did not want them to comment on matters before the court.

The council previously approved the business park but refused the residential and ma-

rina component. Questions were directed to the mayor and Cr Chippendale on jobs and unemployment, business confidence, a lack of identity for Moreton Bay Region and a lack of services.

Meanwhile the Department of Environment and Resource Management on Friday designated several marina developments in the state including the North East Business Park proposed marina and marine precinct as maritime developments to provide some certainty to developers.



SPEAKERS: Greg Chippendale and Mark Ryan at the Commerce Caboolture on Wednesday night.

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DINNER TIME: Stan Walkley, Chris Minetti and Daryl Webster attend the Commerce Caboolture dinner.

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