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Bulldogs Junior Football Club**

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Ms BRODTMANN (Canberra) (13:46): Last month I attended the Tuggeranong Bulldogs Junior AFL Club presentation day, where a number of awards were handed out to many deserving players. Family and friends also attended, and it was great to see them supporting their loved ones on this special day. The Tuggeranong Bulldogs AFL Club holds a special place in my heart: I was appointed patron of the club last year. As patron, I get to see the players in action, and I have had the chance to see them over two seasons—always in the freezing cold and always with the wind blowing straight off the snow on the Brindabellas. And whether the matches were won or lost, they were all played with passion. It is fantastic to see young kids getting outside, getting exercise and playing a game they love. The sportsmanship these players learn will be carried through into their later life, and I am sure it will set them up with great team-building skills and values.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches, managers, committee members and volunteers who make this club a success. Their dedication provides so much reward, not just for the players but for the whole Canberra community. In particular, I would like to thank the club's secretary, Kellie Hogan—she is here in the chamber today, along with two young Bulldogs players. I would also like to congratulate and thank club president, Richard Asher. I would also like to congratulate all the players on a great season: thank you for your enthusiasm, your cooperation and your dedication. Enjoy a nice break over summer and get ready for an even better season in 2015: go Doggies!