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Ms BOYLE (Cairns—ALP) (10.24 a.m.): In recent years it has been the fashion to revere private sector management skills and practices—a fashion engendered by some academics, bureaucrats and politicians, though more of the latter group from the conservative parties. In contrast, many private sector managers, only too well aware of less than perfect management practices in the private sector, have recognised that there are essential differences between the public and private sectors and that management expertise, though different, exists in both sectors. Today I wish to inform the House of the recognition of highly skilled public sector managers in Cairns.

Recently, the Australian Institute of Management held the inaugural Far North Queensland Management Excellence Awards. I extend my sincere compliments to the FNQ branch of the AIM for this initiative, which culminated in a glamorous awards evening attended by 180 people. My congratulations go to all finalists and winners in the five award categories. However, in particular I salute the five public sector managers in this classy line-up—Glenda Jose, a finalist, from the Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE; Kristine Garrett, also from the Tropical North Queensland Institute, the winner in the front-line manager of the year category; Maurice Downing, Department of State Development, and Joanne Pyne, Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE, both finalists in the manager of the year category; and Santo Cutuli, Main Roads Department, the winner of the innovator of the year category. I am pleased to give public recognition to these managers as individuals, to their teams and to their expertise, commitment and contribution to the public sector in Cairns and the region.
