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 **Mr KNUTH** (Dalrymple—KAP) (1.07 am): On behalf of the crossbenchers I wish to acknowledge the government and the opposition. We have had some wins and we have had some losses, and I suppose we need to be very content with our lot. There have been some massive and robust debates, and I have to acknowledge the opposition. You do deliver robust debate and you are continually providing that pressure. I do also acknowledge the highlights of the year. As mentioned, one of ours is probably the blocking of the vegetation management legislation, which was big for rural and regional Queensland. I do have to acknowledge the government's bill for the nurse-to-patient ratio. My mum had fought for that for 30 years, so it was a very passionate moment.

I also want to acknowledge the working cabinet committee that came to Charters Towers. I am raising this because there was a debate until four o'clock in the morning. The plane left at three o'clock with the Premier, the Treasurer, the Minister for Communities, the Minister for Industrial Relations and the member for Mundingburra, but the way you kept your composure throughout the day with no sleep made a big impression and imprint on Charters Towers and we very much appreciate that.

We also thank the Clerk, Neil Laurie, for his passion, dedication and determination and all the parliamentary staff as well as the Speaker of the House. It has just been a big year, but I wish everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year, and may 2017 be a big year for all of us.