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
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport

 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (9.18 pm): On 22 November 2016 the first weekly Cathay Pacific freight flight left the Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport at Toowoomba bound for Hong Kong. Recently, I was fortunate to spend time with the Wagners group chairman, John Wagner, looking through the aircraft as it was being loaded. I can tell the House that there are a multitude of possibilities that can arise from this development.

In the week before Christmas, the weekly flight carried our heavy equipment from the mining sector bound for Houston via Hong Kong. Infant formula has been on every flight, with more to come once the dairy processing plant at Wellcamp is launched in the very near future. Nationwide, China is destined to be our No. 1 beef market by 2021. Food Leaders Australia CEO Ben Lyons notes that there is no greater concentration of large-scale prime cattle finishing feedlots and properties than from Toowoomba, west to Roma and beyond. We can load up those aircraft with beef, strawberries and blueberries from Stanthorpe and even horses off the back of Toowoomba's local thoroughbred horse industry.

This is just the beginning of the next stage of Toowoomba's incredible boom—a \$13 billion investment and project boom that sees Toowoomba and the region at the leading edge of Australia's economic development. The first episode of *Landline* for 2017 was a 90-minute feature on China, Shanghai and TSBE's—Toowoomba's local economic enterprise board—AccessChina trip of late last year. Shortly, experts from across Australia will converge on Toowoomba for the Toowoomba Transport and Logistics Symposium that will be highlighting changes and opportunities that are brought about by road, rail and freight changes in our region.

Aside from our international airport we have the second range crossing currently being built, thanks in large part to the member for Toowoomba North, that will link the three national highways that run through Toowoomba: the Warrego, the Gore and the New England. The proposed inland rail, to which the federal government has committed considerable funding, will open up regional Australia for the century to come. We have the capability to be Australia's largest inland port with developments such as that of InterLinkSQ which is kicking off its \$230 million rail transfer project in the very near future. The Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise chairman Shane Charles is hosting a function here tomorrow night and I encourage all members to visit to learn more about the opportunities opening up in the Toowoomba region. I pay tribute to the vision, confidence and positivity displayed by so many Toowoomba family businesses, small and large, community leaders and private citizens across the city as we continue to put our mark on the world stage.