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ADJOURNMENT

Mount Morgan

 **Mr ANDREW** (Mirani—PHON) (7.19 pm): I stand here in this adjournment debate to talk about Mount Morgan and its important history and how it has propped up this House. Mount Morgan actually pulled Queensland out of debt twice in its history. I would also like to talk about the fact that Mount Morgan was such a rich mine. For every tonne of dirt that was taken out of the ground there was a beer carton size piece of gold. Recently at Mount Morgan the Carbine Resources project has fallen over, leaving a million ounces of gold in the ground. It has been left behind. It is unfortunate that Mount Morgan feels left behind as well.

There are a couple of projects at Mount Morgan that I would like to put forward to the House that we could work together on that would ensure financial stability for Mount Morgan and increase employment. The first project is to do with the dinosaur footprints in the caves at Mount Morgan. They are still doing tests and inquiring into how safe it is going to be to get into the caves. There is also a project to do with the railway line and reconstituting some of the steam trains they have. It would be great for tourism to take some of the railway line back and have steam trains running at Mount Morgan again.

I wanted to bring these projects to the attention of the House. Mount Morgan is a very important place and it has been an important place for Queensland. It has built the sandstone buildings that we are standing in now. Going forward I would like to make tourism a priority and maybe revisit mining in the area. These things are very dear to my heart. I know after all of the time I have spent there that the people of Mount Morgan really want to be heard here in this House.