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ADJOURNMENT

Hardwick, Mr B; Real Time Instruments

 **Mrs GILBERT** (Mackay—ALP) (6.14 pm): I extend my condolences and those of my community to the family, friends and colleagues of Bradley Hardwick, 47, tragically killed at work at Anglo American's Moranbah North mine last week. The township of Moranbah is in mourning for one of its own. I also wish his work colleagues injured in the same incident a speedy and full recovery. Workplace health and safety is everyone's business. We must always remember: life before profit.

Nobody likes a soggy Twistie. It is the innovation of a Mackay based company that ensures the moisture content in Twisties is spot-on. Mackay manufacturer Real Time Instruments, better known locally as RTI, is a global exporter with its head office in Mackay. It exports to 43 countries and is looking for more opportunities. It also engages with international partnerships to install and maintain their instruments and machines.

RTI is an innovator and go-getter, headed up by CEO James Asbury and CFO Jade Horward. I am pleased to inform the House that it was successful in the second round of the Made in Queensland grants program. The \$107,000 matched funding grant will assist RTI to implement planning and manufacturing systems, improving operational performance and export capabilities. Transitioning from a local manufacturer to advanced manufacture is its plan. It currently runs a workforce of 24 and expects that it will require an additional 14 skilled workers—technicians, engineers and designers—to grow its capabilities.

RTI is a leading example of a company that moves and develops to meet market and economic times. It began as a company supplying moisture gauges to the coal industry. During the downturn it diversified its business and modified the technology of its product to be suitable for measuring the composition of bulk materials including coal, minerals, cement, foodstuffs and pharmaceuticals. RTI wants to expand its technology. Currently it has a range of leading-edge analysers, gauges and scales using sophisticated technology to conduct real-time analysis of materials. RTI also has exclusive distribution and service arrangements in Australia for a range of high-performance weighing and detection systems.

RTI is a genuine local company using local supplies and engineering workshops where possible to supply their parts. It is building the business and bringing other local businesses along with it. Businesses in my electorate and the surrounding region know how important it is to cooperate, shop local and buy local.

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