




Speech By
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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

Mulherin, Hon. TS

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (3.52 pm): I rise to pay tribute and offer my support to this motion. Tim Mulherin was a man who was devoted to his family, his community and the Labor Party. Serving in this place as the member for Mackay for 20 years is testament to his passion and dedication to both Mackay in which he was born and raised and the party he loved, shaped and helped lead as deputy leader. I had the privilege of getting to know Tim through the Labor Party and during his time serving as a minister in government. He was always happy to have a yarn, crack a joke and help out a young bloke with a bit of advice—sometimes subtly and other times far more direct, but never quickly.

One of my fondest memories is the time when I travelled to Mackay in the mid-2000s. I had only been there briefly on a couple of occasions prior. Tim met me at the airport and I jumped in his car and off we went—on a long drive for over an hour where Tim gave me a guided and extremely narrated tour of his community, culminating with a scooter up Mulherin Drive of course, sharing many stories as he did so. After the grand tour of Mackay, we then dropped into Tim's place for a cup of tea. It was warm, it was personal and it was from the heart, just like Tim. It was also an opportunity to talk to a captive audience about his vision for improved health care and community services for the base hospital. It was effective, just like Tim.

Tim was a Labor man through and through, making a rich contribution to our party through his service as the member for Mackay, a minister in government and a deputy leader in opposition. Over his 20 years in this place and many more outside of it, he had seen and done it all and he had probably forgotten more than most will learn in a lifetime. Our party, Mackay and Queensland are all the better for his contributions. I want to offer my deepest respects and condolences to his family—to Erin, Declan, Liam and Rory and the whole Mulherin clan. Gone far too soon at the age of 63. His legacy will endure. Vale Timothy Mulherin.