



Speech By  
**Hon. Scott Stewart**


**MEMBER FOR TOWNSVILLE**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Gregory Crinum Coalmine, Incident**

 **Hon. SJ STEWART** (Townsville—ALP) (Minister for Resources) (9.55 am): Firstly, I acknowledge the guests from Multicom who are in the gallery today. It has been a long road. It is great news today. I am looking forward to seeing what that will bring for the North West Minerals Province. Well done.

Earlier this morning I was advised by Resources Safety & Health Queensland of a serious incident that occurred last night at the Mastermyne operated Crinum undermine coalmine near Emerald. I have been advised that, following a rock fall from the roof of the mine, one worker was fatally injured. His co-worker was seriously injured and is now receiving treatment in hospital.

While information is still being confirmed, I would like to recognise the professionalism of our first responders, including those from the Queensland Mines Rescue Service and our emergency services. I am advised that the Queensland Mines Inspectorate is on site this morning and will commence their investigation into the nature and cause of this incident. Any loss of life on our mine sites is unacceptable, and it is my expectation that the Queensland Mines Inspectorate and Resources Safety & Health Queensland will investigate this incident thoroughly and with diligence. Operations at the Crinum mine have been suspended while the investigation is underway.

I extend my heartfelt condolences—and I am sure I speak on behalf of everyone in this House today—to the family, friends and co-workers of the man who has passed away. I also hope for a full and speedy recovery for the man who has been injured.