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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

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 **Mr KNUTH** (Hill—KAP) (4.21 pm): I rise to speak on behalf of the three KAP members to the condolence motion for Duncan Pegg. First of all, I want to pass on our heartfelt wishes and condolences to Duncan's family and friends. I recently lost my father and I know the pain and the anguish that you must be going through, but this is an opportunity for us all to recount our experiences with Duncan and remember the person he was.

I first met Duncan at Parliament House shortly after he was elected in 2015. I was in the lift with Robbie Katter when Duncan stepped in. Because he looked so young, I asked him which MP he worked for? In a show of his quick wit and character, he set me straight. We had a laugh, which broke the ice for future dealings with Duncan.

Duncan served on many committees during his time which I understand he thoroughly enjoyed and made a heavy contribution to. It was during his time as chair of the agriculture and environment committee that I got to know Duncan more due to a number of what I called robust discussions about crocodiles and my safer waterways bill, which was before the committee. Some things we found out about Duncan were that he was always willing to give you time; he would listen to every argument and take it into consideration when he responded. Duncan was a man of conviction with very strong ethics and he was dedicated to any role that was offered to him. We have no doubt that he was popular in his electorate and well respected, even if you did not agree with his views. That is the thing about this place, we are often at each other's throats and have different opinions, but all of us have been moved by the passing of Duncan.

In closing, on behalf of the KAP, we admire Duncan's tenacity and fight. As you all know, he was still doing his job here in this House right up to the very end. He will be remembered as a man with qualities that many of us can only hope to ever aspire to.