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ADJOURNMENT

Horton, Mr I; Schembri, Mr P; Rowan, Mr I

 **Ms CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (7.07 pm): I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge the service of Inspector Ian Horton with the Queensland Police Service who is retiring from our Mackay district. During his service, Ian certainly had breadth of experience: from the casino crime squad on the Gold Coast right through to serving in Ayr and also at the police academy in Brisbane back in 2000 before returning to North Queensland in 2002 where he remained until 2015 when he transferred to Mackay, where he has just recently finished his QPS career.

He has served for 15 years as an inspector of police. I have had the absolute privilege to work alongside Ian as the deputy district disaster coordinator in relieving the DDC when he was responsible for the response to flood events and cyclones in North Queensland. Ian has also been an active community member entrenched, in particular, in the basketball community with playing and coaching. He is known across the state for coaching junior teams and for having success at a state level, having won gold at a national championship with the Queensland North side in 2018. I know I will see Ian plenty courtside at the Meteors.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Paul Schembri, Chairman of Canegrowers. Tonight we will be joining him. He is from Maltese migrant grandparents, farming in Farleigh as a local farmer but also my constituent. I also am very proud to call Paul a mentor of mine in the sugar industry. His leadership, the way in which he has contributed to the conversation around technological change, innovation and the regulation of the sugar industry, is second to none. Certainly he will be missed across the industry.

I would also like to acknowledge what I think has been a significant achievement for Paul, which was the federal code of conduct that was passed for the sugar industry. He also held the position of vice-president of the World Association of Beet and Cane Growers. He has travelled extensively in that role, coming from a farming family of 40-plus years. I wish Paul, Sally and his son Paul Jr all the best for the future.

I would also like to acknowledge another great man in my community, Ian Rowan, who has just served five years as CEO of CQ Rescue. Ian's passion for emergency services and the way in which he took the organisation forward has just been outstanding. He is very proud of their achievements in the last five years, including the Building Better Regions Hannah extension, which extended and expanded operations and the service of the critical care doctor that we have 24 hours a day. We thank Ian for his service and wish him well in retirement.