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 **Ms CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (7.13 pm): Tonight I want to thank Suzanne Connors not only on behalf of my local constituency of Proserpine, the greater Whitsunday region and the Mackay Isaac Whitsunday disaster management region but also on behalf of Queenslanders. Sue has been a member of the SES for 30 years and group leader of Proserpine for 15 years, and she is most recognised across this state as a peer support worker in times of disaster. She has received many commendations from the SES as well as our Citizen of the Year award last year. Sue has responded to major events including tropical cyclones Debbie, Marcia, Dillon, Ida, Yasi, Ului, Larry, Rockhampton floods, Hamilton Island plane crashes and numerous land searches across our state. Being a relatively small SES group, Sue has been involved every step of the way in every local event and her 30 years of dedication along with her husband and her children has not gone unnoticed. We were pleased to celebrate with Sue a few weeks ago, but as a peer support officer she has provided support that is hard to put into words in terms of how much it is valued and the people she has touched across Queensland, and we thank her for her service.

I also want to acknowledge, as part of International Women's Day celebrations across Mackay and the Whitsundays, the Zonta Club of Mackay and in particular Karen Jacobsen, who was the guest speaker and who will launch next month Misogyny Opus. I know that many members of this House who may have heard a misogyny speech once or twice will really appreciate the launch that will happen in Mackay. I certainly will be attending and look forward to that event. I also thank Zonta Whitsundays for its contribution to International Women's Day across the Whitsundays. It does so much in our community. I also thank Fallon from the Just Saying Project who hosted the women's awards night in Mackay. Women's intuition is a powerful force of connection. It helps us find joy, strength and purpose and every day across our Mackay community Fallon instils that in women.

I also want to take this opportunity to recognise the contribution of those opposite today in the House regarding International Women's Day. I am used to the Attorney-General giving the same speech every third or fourth week criticising the opposition LNP women, but I note the hypocrisy of members of this House who speak about International Women's Day and yet criticise the women who serve this state on this side of the House. I expect that from some opposite, but I did not expect that from the member for Jordan today. I did not expect that when I heard some of her words. While we may fit in a maxi taxi, we actually enjoy spending time together as women from the LNP. We are proud conservative women and we will not be criticised by those opposite.