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**MOTION**

**Progressive Coal Royalties**

 **Ms CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (12.02 pm): The reason we have an incredible resource sector, the reason globally our coal and natural resources are seen favourably, is due to the vision and passion of someone whom I care about and to whom I aspire to be compared: former minister for mines Ron Camm, my great-uncle, who served in this House as minister for mines from 1968 to 1980. As a result of the way in which he conducted himself and did business with companies like Mitsui, those relationships are still strong. When I meet with representatives from international companies they still know the way we did business in Queensland. On this side of the House, that is something we are very proud of.

What I am not proud of is the waste, crisis and chaos we have seen from this government when it comes to royalties and the way that royalties have not been invested into regional communities like mine and the member for Burdekin's. The member for Mackay should be ashamed about the lack of investment we have received, which in the last state budget is the lowest capital investment of any region in Queensland. No funding from resources royalties have come back to our region. The increasing death toll on the Bruce and Peak Downs highways is because this government fails to deliver projects. This government fails to prioritise regional communities. They promised a hospital, they promised renal dialysis in my community, Proserpine, and they promised mental health services—we are still waiting. They have not been delivered. This government continues to make announcement after announcement and waste money. There are incredible blowouts on things like Cross River Rail and Wellcamp. The way in which this government has wasted royalties in a First World nation like Australia and a First World state like Queensland is shameful.

I want to remind the Treasurer about his Labornomics and the way in which he conducts business. I am really amazed at the crystal ball those opposite have. They think that the height of a mining boom is going to continue for decades and decades to come. You really are kidding yourselves! There are many in this House who understand economics and global commodity prices, and understand how they rise and fall, and who would have invested these funds into long-term investment opportunities for this state. We could have funded the Olympics twice over with the royalties that have been delivered out of our regions.