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 **Ms LUI** (Cook—ALP) (4.49 pm): I start by saying how grateful I am to everyone for travelling up to Far North Queensland. Premier, thank you so much for bringing parliament to Cairns. It has been an incredible week and such an experience for all of us. This is my second experience of regional parliament. I am incredibly proud of government proceedings being held in regional cities and giving people in the regions an opportunity to come and take part in what we get to do in Brisbane. It was wonderful to have both my parents in the gallery. This is the first time they have been in the gallery to see me so it was special. It has been a pleasure to have all of you up here and an absolute pleasure to be part of a government that works in the best interests of all Queenslanders right across the state.

I want to talk about my recent trip to Aurukun. Aurukun is a community that I am very proud of. Aurukun has a very special place in my heart. In the past couple of weeks I visited Aurukun with Minister Farmer. We were able to meet many community champions who are doing exceptional things in their local community. Baressa, the school principal, is working incredibly hard to improve educational outcomes for her local community. At the PCYC, Steve and Norma and their daughter Helena are very passionate about youth work in Aurukun. I commend Steve and Norma for the work that they do in community. In a community such as Aurukun you need people with passion. You need people with vision and aspiration for where they want to take their community into the future. Mayor Tamwoy is very passionate about her local community. She fights for it every day. Just like the rest of us, every day she gets up to fight for better outcomes for her community through education, health, housing and social justice. I met some of the elders from the Aurukun Justice Group where everyone spoke very passionately about the community.

I wanted to speak about Aurukun purely because this is about the positive stories and there are people doing incredible work in that community. They deserve to be celebrated. All of their successes need to be celebrated. I wish only the best for Aurukun.