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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Burndy Cable Support Systems**

 **Mr MARTIN** (Stretton—ALP) (6.25 pm): I rise to recognise a fantastic local manufacturer in my electorate of Stretton. Burndy Cable Support Systems is one of many outstanding businesses on the south side that help to keep our great state moving forward. Last year, Burndy celebrated its 40th anniversary and I was pleased to be given a tour of their manufacturing site.

Manufacturing is one of our most important industries. It is the backbone of many communities in Queensland and provides good, secure jobs for locals. Burndy Cable Support Systems employs hardworking teams of welders, machine operators, toolmakers and metal fabricators that have been involved in many major construction projects throughout their four decades of operation. They currently have around 80 full-time staff but, with huge demand for their products, they are still looking to add more welders to their growing team.

The Acacia Ridge TAFE, which is just down the road from Burndy, is a great place for those looking to learn a trade such as welding. Thanks to the fee-free TAFE program supported by the Palaszczuk government, people can learn a variety of new skills and gain industry recognised qualifications like welding.

Over the past few years we have seen exciting progress on the Cross River Rail project, and I am proud to say that Burndy Cable Support brackets will soon be installed as part of the Cross River Rail project after being made locally in the Stretton electorate. They also manufacture materials for the Melbourne Metro and many other projects around Australia, including underground mine sites in Queensland and Western Australia.

Burndy is a great example of a thriving Queensland manufacturing industry. To accommodate their rapid growth and increased demand for their products, they have recently moved into a larger premises in Acacia Ridge, in Stretton. I had the pleasure of officially opening their new factory, which is equipped with state-of-the-art technology. I recognise the Burndy team of Peter Moore and Carl Devini as well as the founder and chairman, David Knowland, for supporting Burndy's transition to this new facility.

Businesses like Burndy that produce quality products close to home have numerous economic and environmental benefits. Over the past few years global supply chains have experienced significant disruptions, highlighting the need for a resilient and diversified local manufacturing sector. I am proud to be part of a Palaszczuk government that supports local manufacturing and the jobs it creates. We have brought forward investment in several large projects that support manufacturers all around Queensland.

I am very proud to represent Stretton. It is not just fantastic food, fantastic small businesses and fantastic schools—

**A government member:** Karaoke bars.

**Mr MARTIN:** We have the best karaoke bars in Queensland. It is also world-class manufacturing. I make a special mention of Nerada Tea—they are also based in the Stretton electorate—and something that I know all the members use, Lucas' Papaw Ointment and creams.