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MOTION

Progressive Coal Royalties

 **Mrs GILBERT** (Mackay—ALP) (12.05 pm): I listened with interest to the Leader of the Opposition when he talked about what he is voting for, but we have already seen what he does with his vote. He very quickly got out there in the media and withdrew his vote for treaty, so we cannot trust what the Leader of the Opposition has to say. The member for Burdekin stood up and waxed lyrical about how he supports the royalties, but when he gets out there in the regions talking to mining companies he says that he is going to look at them and he is going to change them. They tell me they cannot trust what he has to say because they cannot understand what he is going on about.

If the member for Whitsunday did some work in her electorate instead of spending all of her time trying to get herself a seat down in Brisbane or the south-east corner she might have things delivered there, so look after your own backyard. We have seen how the member for Burdekin backs in his mining towns. He could not talk in favour of saving Glenden here in this House. The community of Glenden was ashamed of the fact that their member for parliament could not stand up and back them in. They were here in the gallery and I met with them afterwards when they went back to their communities to talk about how their member refused to back them in. Where does the member stand on backing in his communities? He is all words when he comes in here but he does not do anything about it.

The mining and resources industries are the lifeblood of my community. Along with agriculture, exports and tourism, they form the backbone of our community. I back in progressive coal royalties. The coal royalties are helping investment. We welcome investment from the mining companies because they are putting investment into our region and taking out some of our precious finite resources. They get their resources and the people of Queensland deserve to get their share of these precious resources because they belong to the people of Queensland.

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