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 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (7.03 pm): It is wonderful to be here in Cairns in Far North Queensland for regional parliament. As the representative of the wonderful Bundamba community, it did not take me long to see the links between Cairns and our local community. When you walk outside and see the construction that is going on for the \$175 million expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre, if you are eagle-eyed you will see that the site offices carry a logo for Ausco. Ausco is a company that has been delivering local jobs in our community, at Redbank and Riverview. It is absolutely wonderful to see it here as part of the job-creating supply chain for the expansion of the Cairns Convention Centre.

On Saturday I had the opportunity to go up to Barron Gorge, where I was able to inspect the Barron Gorge Hydroelectric Power Station. That station is owned by our proudly publicly owned CleanCo, which of course also operates our local Swanbank Power Station and Wivenhoe pumped hydro, just a bit further west of our community. These links are delivering more clean, cheap energy for Queensland homes and businesses as part of proudly publicly owned power.

Yesterday at the Trade and Investment Queensland Taste of Tropical Queensland showcase it was really wonderful to see a local 100 per cent Indigenous owned and operated business—FigJam and Co—who were here to meet with some of the over 80 international investors who have come here to look at all of what our local community in Ipswich as well as right throughout Queensland has to offer. The Bundamba community is really kicking goals.

I will finish by talking about the Kuranda Scenic Railway. One of its locomotives has been fully overhauled at our local workshops at Redbank by Progress Rail. It is wonderful to see the strong connections between Bundamba and Cairns.