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Report, Motion to Take Note

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (3.56 pm): I rise to make a contribution to report No. 26 of the Education, Employment and Training Committee into the Mount Gravatt TAFE upgrade project. From the outset I also want to thank the secretariat and my fellow committee members. Rob Hansen does an absolutely enormous job organising a lot of these visits and it is a testament to him and his team that all of these visits go very smoothly. I certainly agree that the facilities are second to none. There is an enormous TV as you first come in the entrance. I must say that it would be very good for watching the football and I wonder if they ever do watch football on that very large—massive—TV, but it might cause a few problems with your neck going back and forward due to the very size of it.

As I say, the facilities are second to none and were very interesting to see, especially in terms of film making. As somebody who has a degree in multimedia, it is very interesting to see that the technology that they use these days far outstrips what we used back in 2008. It was fantastic to see that technology and also how 3D printing has come of age. Students are making pendants and other jewellery with 3D printing. This helps them to learn how to design, which is certainly very important.

I want to touch on the leather goods and the leather design and the need in my area for upholsterers, especially for the boat manufacturing industry. One thing about pleasure craft and boats is that you need something to sit on and it would be lovely if there could be some type of arrangement in the future so that Coomera TAFE could pair up with the Mount Gravatt TAFE to get this trade happening in Queensland.

Training of upholsterers to work in boat manufacturing is crucial and something that we need to focus on as it is a dying industry. I highlight the comments of the member for Southern Downs. On the day we visited it was a bit quiet in the facility and we did not see that many students around. I hope it was just a case of it being a quiet day, because when it comes to upholsterers there is a huge need for them in my region on the Northern Gold Coast. I thank my fellow committee members. We do get on quite well. It was a very interesting and wonderful experience to see the technology outcomes at that facility.