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 **Mr KATTER** (Traeger—KAP) (10.34 am): I thought I would add my own personal reflection that so many people have been touched by Vaughan, because I think that was the whole gig. When I look back I realise that I had so many interactions—from being a little kid all the way to being an adult. My father loves telling stories. If there is a real character, you get a good story. He said, 'We've got this fellow in the party room now who's pretty interesting; he is pretty loose.' For Dad to say that! The story was that there was some negative interaction at the Polo Club in Brisbane and this bloke said, 'Polo Club! I'll get their polo clubs and stick them'—you know where. He was all fired up. Dad said, 'He was on a rant, so I didn't want to interrupt him to tell him that it was a polo club in name only.'

We had visits from Robin and Vaughan when I was kid. He employed my sister, who spoke so highly of him as an employer. I was at college with Michael here in Brisbane, so again I interacted with him as I was growing up. It was a bit strange being down here and serving with someone I had heard of ever since I was a little kid. The thing that sticks out to me the most about Vaughan is that I could say he was a friend, beyond parliament. We stopped being parliamentary colleagues and he stopped playing all these different roles in my life, but he became a friend and I enjoyed that friendship. I am very appreciative of that. Vale, Vaughan Johnson.