



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Progressive Coal Royalties**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (12.09 pm): The Treasurer has a hide to come in today to move the motion that he has moved—coming from a government that have for the past eight or nine years either bagged the mining industry or begrudgingly accepted that the mining industry is needed and have therefore tempered their language with regards to how they show their support. The biggest issue that regional Queensland has is the legacy that is left behind after the incredible revenue source that the mining industry has been, particularly last year with that \$12 billion windfall. They want to know what legacy will be left.

The member for Burdekin stated that very well. As the member for Burdekin was speaking, I was thinking about where I had read those comments before about how regions think. I remembered that I read them from 'The Right Priorities for Queensland's Future' booklet. I have been encouraged by a number of things. I have been encouraged by the fact that Labor Party members have obviously perused this document because they know it backwards and they are speaking about it all the time. Since it was released on Sunday, I have made it a nightly habit to read a couple of pages before I go to sleep because it is very enriching. I refer the House to page 33 of 'The Right Priorities for Queensland's Future', which talks about 'a prosperous future for our regional communities'. It states—

Regional Queenslanders feel ignored and disregarded.

While our regions are the economic powerhouses of Queensland's economy, they don't feel they are sharing the benefits.

The services taken for granted in cities are increasingly disappearing from regional areas under this Labor Government.

Regional Queenslanders want their government to prioritise bringing back services and jobs to their communities.

An LNP Government will value and recognise the important part regional Queensland plays in our State's future. Regional communities will not be abandoned.

Our regional communities have been built on the back of robust resource, agriculture and tourism sectors. These industries will continue to have a place in Queensland's future.

I could read on and talk more about this document. I encourage Labor government members to peruse this very closely. If they did, they would find that this document may help them understand the priorities that Queenslanders are concerned about. The one thing the Treasurer is worried about is the poll that is coming out in the *Courier-Mail* on Thursday on who is the preferred leader if the Premier is not there, and this is his audition.