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ADJOURNMENT

Wyer, Ms B; Hamilton Plains, Flooding

 **Ms CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (7.16 pm): As a young woman Bette Wyer worked in the Department of Primary Industries before joining the Women's Royal Australian Army Corps in 1973 as an ambulance driver where she met her now husband, Terry, who was an Army paramedic. Her daughter reflected in her eulogy that her favourite job was as the coaching director for netball for the Whitsunday region. She would get up to travel from the south of Sarina to all of the western mining communities and up as far as Bowen, taking netball to everyone. In 1993, her daughters decided they wanted to start their own netball club to play with their friends, so Bette took that on with great energy and 31 years later we have the Brothers Netball Club in Mackay—her one true love.

Over the years we have seen thousands of players come through the club, as well as parents, coaches, umpires and administrators. She was always there with an encouraging word, a skill correction, advice on anything netball and sometimes a little bit more. She has supported and influenced many. On behalf of our netball community and broader community we say, 'Thank you, Bette'. Mayor Greg Williamson paid tribute to her at her funeral last week. Our deepest sympathies to her husband, Terry, her daughters, Melissa, Raeleen, Charmaine, and their families. I had the privilege of sitting beside Bette at many regional netball games. She was a true champion of the sport and a true champion of our region.

To the Minister for Transport, I say: many in this House would have driven through Hamilton Plains. It is the connection road between Proserpine and Airlie Beach—the beautiful gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and the Whitsundays.

Mr Krause interjected.

Ms CAMM: I take that interjection. It was in 2017 when funding was secured. We have had another wet season where the residents of the Whitsundays have, once again, felt the impacts of the flooding. This has delayed emergency services, families, students—26 buses travel each day to the schools in Proserpine—and tourists who have been limited in their access to the airport. Tenders closed on 7 March in 2023—over one year ago—and there has been no action since. The tender was awarded and then pulled back by this state Labor government. Construction was meant to commence this year. We have seen no drain maintenance on the road. Now have record flooding within hours instead of what would have taken days.

I hear members of the government in this House talk about progressive coal royalties but we are yet to see a dime back in our electorate where hardworking coalminers live and work every day to produce revenue for this state. It is not good enough. Show Labor the door in '24.

(Time expired)