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Lakeland, Inderbitzin Family Enterprise

 **Mr KEMPTON** (Cook—LNP) (9.17 pm): Lakeland is a valley in the southern end of my wonderful electorate of Cook. With some of the most fertile soils in the country and favourable weather conditions, Lakeland is Queensland's northern most food bowl—and a food bowl it is with bananas, avocados, melons and many other fruits grown in abundance. From a largely forgotten farming area 30 years ago, Lakeland is today at the forefront of food production. The area has a number of innovative and progressive growers bringing world-changing technology and farming practices to Lakeland, and none more so than the Inderbitzin family. Peter Inderbitzin and his brother, Tom, came to Lakeland in the eighties and immediately recognised its potential. Frances joined Peter soon after and together they built a future for their children and now their grandchildren. This third-generation farming family has turned its several farms into highly productive, fully automated enterprises generating highly valuable foods and employing hundreds of people.

Their Red Valley banana operation has the only cableway fruit delivery system in Australia and it has taken composting to the next level. However, the jewel in the crown of the Inderbitzin family enterprise is the recently opened mushroom factory. Bringing the latest technology from Europe, this mushroom factory is the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. Being one hectare in area, the factory boasts fully integrated and climate control systems producing a variety of boutique mushrooms that guarantee quality. These mushrooms are produced entirely within the factory free of chemicals and pollutants ever present in so many other sources.

The Premier and I were privileged to participate in the celebration of the official opening and witness firsthand the production of this truly remarkable product. As the Premier observed cutting the ribbon, 'If you want to see Queenslanders who are committed to the future of this great state, you need look no further than this family here in Lakeland.' I congratulate this dynamic family and the Red Valley crew.