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 **Mr G KELLY** (Mirani—LNP) (8.16 pm): I rise to talk on the report of the Primary Industries and Resources Committee on the 2025-26 estimates. Estimates is one of our key transparency measures in our modified Westminster system, and this was the first time I got to experience them as an MP and a committee member. It was certainly a different experience from mustering cattle out on the property, but I am thankful we have a system where we can ask ministers and departments directly about what was contained in the 2025-26 budget. What did we find out from the estimates in the Primary Industries and Resources Committee, I hear you ask. We found out that we have a government that is committed to our primary industries and resources sector, a government that is committed to further building our manufacturing sector.

A government member: And looking after our chooks!

Mr G KELLY: That is exactly right. This is a government that, rather than putting stops in the way of our farmers and our miners, is helping to unlock our potential. We are a state that helps feed the world, and Minister Perrett confirmed that we are going to keep doing this as part of the government's 2050 primary industries blueprint. So committed is this government to our farmers that we are pushing to see \$30 billion of output from our primary industries by 2030. While those opposite left farmers to rot on the vine, we are helping them to harvest the benefits and supporting them to grow and build.

One of the confirmations that I received during the hearing was around an event that is very close to my heart. The minister confirmed that the budget contains \$4.5 million for Beef Week in Rockhampton for 2027, an event that I have been attending for a long time now. We heard that in 2024 the event generated \$102 million in direct and incidental spending in Rockhampton and \$69.9 million for the rest of Queensland. This is massive for our region. Beef Week is part of Rockhampton's identity, and the Crisafulli government's commitment shows that we will help to make it an even better event than it already is.

Protecting our farmers means investing in biosecurity. We are committing \$60.9 million over five years to put more than 100 more officers on the front line, protecting both our primary industries and our environment. We have responded to the science on Spanish mackerel quotas by increasing the recreational catch limit to four per boat and the commercial limit from 165 tonnes a year to 250 tonnes per year. This reflects what the evidence suggests with spawning rates and gives some confidence back to our fishing industry.

We are backing our manufacturers with \$25 million for the Transforming Queensland Manufacturing Program to help develop export pathways for manufacturers. By encouraging investment in manufacturing, we can help ensure our manufacturing sovereignty and create more jobs for Queenslanders. We are putting first those who make things in this state. Our primary industries were forgotten for too long, our miners had more and more roadblocks put in front of them and our

manufacturers were being crushed under rising power prices made worse by Labor's reckless race to renewables.

This government's estimates hearings showed not just to those of us of present but to all of Queensland that we are putting Queenslanders first. We are working to build the prosperity of our state to ensure the future of the next generation.

Mr Martin interjected.

Mr Smith interjected.

Mr G KELLY: Don't! We have a lot of work to do to fix the mess we inherited but we are not making excuses. We are focused on delivering for Queensland. The estimates hearings showed that commitment.