



Speech By  
**Hon. Patrick Weir**


**MEMBER FOR CONDAMINE**

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**SPEAKER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, this sitting week we are showcasing two more works from our regional council artwork collection. Our first piece is *Jordan River* by Alice May McLaughlin. Alice studied under John Rigby, Stanislaus Rapotec, John Firth-Smith and Michael Winters, and later taught art with the Queensland education department. The work was donated by the Jericho Shire Council. Jericho, Aramac and Barcaldine shires were merged to form the Shire of Barcaldine in 2007. You can see more of Alice's work at a new exhibition at Childers Arts Space this month.

The second piece is *Hervey Bay Range* by North Queensland painter John Raggatt, created in 1979 and donated by Thuringowa shire council, which is now part of Townsville City Council. John Raggatt studied in Adelaide, won several major regional art awards during the 1970s and in 1978 led a painters' workshop for the Townsville Art Society. His works are held in collections across Queensland. Next sitting week we will feature two more artworks, continuing to highlight regional communities represented in this chamber.