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**MOTION OF CONDOLENCE**

**Beard, Mr PF**

 **Mr KATTER** (Traeger—KAP) (9.42 am): I rise to contribute to the condolence motion for Peter Beard and add to the comments made by the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition. There is wonderful history around Peter's time in Mount Isa. He lived and worked through the adversity and the many challenges that came with the growth of Mount Isa and the creation of our municipality following the split from Cloncurry. Peter worked in the region and represented the then seat of Mount Isa in parliament through a period that was, to say the least, extremely problematic. It was a big task.

I can say with certainty that, to this day, long after he left parliament, Peter Beard's name is still well recognised. He is known around town for the impact that he and his family have had on Mount Isa. We pay tribute not just to Peter but also to his family who supported him through that period. They were a very big part of his success during his time in Mount Isa. It should be said that his contributions were much more than just his service in politics. The fact that he chose to live, work and contribute to the Mount Isa region is in itself a big step given all the adversity that can come with living in a remote area. We pay tribute to the contribution he made not just in his political career but also to the north-west. On behalf of the people of Traeger, I send our condolences to the family. Vale, Peter Beard.