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### SEASONS GREETINGS

Once again, Christmas is fast approaching. 2010 seems to have flown by. At Christmas, it is important for all of us to take stock of the year that was and where we are going in the future. It is of course equally important to ensure that, where possible, each of us spend quality time with our family and friends at Christmas. All of us rely heavily on the support of those close to us and Christmas is the perfect time to express our gratitude.

2010 has been another busy year as the Member for Hinchinbrook. Locally, I have worked hard on a range of issues in my electorate, including successfully defending East Palmerston and Moresby State Schools from the threat of closure, with the vital help of two very dedicated P & C Associations and supportive local communities. These are two great little school communities which deliver good educational outcomes for students.

I've been monitoring the progress of the new Mourilyan Harbour boat ramp project and fighting to prevent the closure of the El Arish Police Station. These two issues are ongoing and I will continue to work on them. The Mission Beach community welcomed the allocation of two more officers to the local station. I will continue to work for more funds to improve the Canecutter Way between Innisfail and Silkwood, via Wangan, South Johnstone, Mena Creek and Japoonvale.

Since April 2009, I enjoyed the interesting and challenging role of being LNP Shadow Minister for Disability Services and Multicultural Affairs. I learnt a great deal about this important sector of the community and the wonderful people in it. Last week my role changed. I have been appointed LNP Shadow Minister for North Queensland, Reef Protection, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Economic Development and Shadow Minister for Public Works.

This will also be an interesting and challenging role and I look forward to learning more about these important areas of public policy. I am constantly travelling throughout my electorate, which runs from the Johnstone River in Innisfail in the north, to the Bohle River in Townsville in the south. The Hinchinbrook electorate contains many different and diverse communities that require good representation. Each community has their own unique needs and interests.

It is an honour to represent the people of the Hinchinbrook electorate in the Queensland Parliament. I am grateful for the support that I receive from the community. I look forward to another busy year in 2011 and the responsibility of continuing to provide strong representation to the people of the Hinchinbrook electorate. I would like to take this opportunity to wish my constituents and their families a holy and merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

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