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Roy Hill and Atlas Iron long serving staff recognition: Dinner under Stars

Good evening, it is fantastic to be with you all tonight, we've had so many plans to visit the Pilbara, all of which covid restrictions interrupted, but now finally here. Terrific to be together to celebrate Roy Hill and Atlas Iron's loyal and long serving staff.

Please join me in a huge round of applause for each of you, our valued people, and the backbone of our state and nation.

Applause

You are all part of our very special Hancock Roy group, which I hope you're proud to be part of.

What a year we've had! We should all be immensely proud of our industry's contribution to Australia, and I hope you enjoyed last week National Mining and Related Industries Day. Mining is always essential. When mining does well, so does Australia. Even the media have highlighted our huge contribution throughout COVID!

I hope you are all excited with the great news this week of our plans to potentially expand our operations, subject to Government approvals. Specifically, this will mean great things for our important port and rail workers, the expansion means at Port there will be new car dumpers and stackers, a new ship loader and berth and for Rail it will mean new locos, new wagons via an expanded rail network and of course workshops to maintain all of these. I also am told that the first two of 50 pink wagons have arrived and will be joined by a pink diesel loco in January which recently made the news for its colour in the USA.

Also, I can't talk about trains without mentioning another Roy Hill first!!! Our electric loco coming in 2023, such great news. And a very warm welcome to one of our new drivers here tonight, recently moved over to Roy Hill and receiving 5 years awards for working exclusively on our rail for this entire time.

We'll be able to export 110MTPA out of the port and all of what I have just explained will be Roy Hill operated. This means more opportunities for you, your colleagues and your families and for other West Australians.

There are more enhancements to your facilities coming with new dining rooms and a new gym with women only area here at Port to match what is at the mine.

Through mining's success, the Hancock group of companies are able to support many services that Australians rely upon. In recent years we have built upon the long-term support we provide to the Royal Flying Doctors, helping with the provision of new jets that have better equipment and faster and more comfortable flying times, ensuring that more lives are saved

We've continued our support of breast cancer patient care and research and Solaris Cancer Care. I also believe our Roy Hill people have just completed some impressive fundraising in support of men's health through the Movember movement.

The benefits from mining touch so many peoples' lives across our Country.

I think you will all agree our Australian athletes did us very proud in Tokyo this year. This has been made possible by proceeds from your industry, our Pilbara iron ore mining industry. And, didn't our Roy team look fantastic in our first Olympic ad shown throughout the Olympics. Indeed so fantastic they are now in our current ad, which I'd like to share with you tonight. It's just started to air, during the Brisbane 2032 program the last few days, that HPPL is also involved in.

This year we have donated again to the Special Air Services Resources Fund to support the essential defence service, the most important responsibility of our Government, or should be.

It's also important to remember that at its core, mining is nation building.

Everywhere you look, from homes, offices, hospitals, TVs, our cutlery and mobile phones – there's very little that doesn't contain mined minerals or needs machinery to build which also requires minerals. Or transport, which also requires minerals to be firstly mined.

As a company group team, you helped unload 8758 trains at the Port, and we have sailed 1511 ships at a total of 277,773,038 tonnes sold. Let's give you all a huge round of applause.

And Atlas, you have mined and shipped 30 million tonnes, with 221 400 trucks hauled and 300 ships sailed, and you've had so many successes recently with Awards and results and two new mines – Sanjiv Ridge and Miralga. Please join me in a huge round of applause.

What achievements for both companies – and there is much, much more to come.

Please remember that mining contributes more to our nation than any other industry. I hope you please continue to contribute to and stick up for our industry.

Thank you again for your valued service to Roy Hill and Atlas Iron, and please enjoy this dinner in your honour.