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MILLAA MILLAA HOTEL FIRE

Mr NELSON (Tablelands—ONP) (10.20 a.m.): I would like to inform the House that last night an historic landmark in the Tablelands electorate, the Millaa Millaa Hotel, burnt to the ground. I am sure that the Premier is familiar with that hotel. The Millaa Millaa Hotel was a centrepiece of the beautiful town of Millaa Millaa on the Tablelands. It is a devastating loss when a hotel in a small country town burns down. It is not just a pub where people go to drink, it is a meeting point and it certainly is a focus for the township itself, and Millaa Millaa has been through some hard times in the past.

I would like to take this opportunity to salute the firefighters from Malanda and Millaa Millaa who got together late at night to fight the fire and also to salute the policemen in Millaa Millaa and Malanda, one of whom is my father, who went out early this morning to make sure that no-one was injured or hurt in the fire. We have heard today that there were fires in Mooloolah and places like that. It is times such as these when rural fire services are put to the test, and 9 times out of 10 their members are found to be very good at their jobs. The immediate response by the Malanda and Millaa Millaa volunteer fire services certainly saved the central business district of Millaa Millaa. On behalf of the people of Millaa Millaa, I would just like to thank those people for their efforts.
