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Mrs LIZ CUNNINGHAM (Gladstone—IND) (10.17 a.m.): I rise to pay tribute today to a long-serving member of the Calliope Shire Council, Ewen Archibald Donald—Don—Cameron, MBE, who, with his wife Carmel, died in tragic circumstances on Easter Sunday.

Don grew up on farms. He became used to hard work and continued to have a strong work ethic. He joined Calliope council in 1967 and was chairman from 1970 to 1987. He fulfilled many leading roles—in the Gladstone/Calliope Aerodrome Board, from 1967 to 1976; the Gladstone Area Water Board, from 1978 to 1987; and the Gladstone Harbour Board, from 1967 to 1987—and he was involved with many other community groups, for example, the show society.

Don was awarded an MBE in 1986 for services to the Gladstone and Calliope communities and to local government. He worked tirelessly for the people of our region and with his wife Allison and, after her death, with his second wife Carmel, he did much to improve the lot of residents in our region.

Much has been written about the circumstances of Don's death. These circumstances highlight the difficulties of illness and rural isolation. On behalf of my community I convey our sincere sympathy to both Don's and Carmel's families. May we remember with gratitude the wonderful work that Don did in and for our community.
