




Speech By
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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Leader of the Opposition) (9.42 am): I join the Premier in offering the heartfelt condolences of the parliamentary Labor Party to the families and victims on board Malaysia Airlines flight MH370. It is now over a week since those families were informed by Malaysia Airlines that it was unlikely that anyone had survived the incident. Of the six Australians on board this tragic flight, four of them—the Lawtons and the Burrows—called Brisbane’s west home. It is hard to comprehend the grief being felt by these families, especially given the nature of the tragedy and the fact that at this point their final resting place remains unknown. In a time of unbearable loss, I have no doubt that the local community will rally and be a source of strength to those families. As members of the House would be aware, the focus of the search remains some 2,000 kilometres off the Western Australian coast. The word ‘remote’ barely does justice to this stretch of ocean and underscores the logistical difficulties being faced by those undertaking the search operations. Both Australian and international officers have worked tirelessly and I commend their efforts to the House.

Whereupon honourable members stood in silence.