



Speech By
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MEMBER FOR INALA

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE: NEWTON, MR LE

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.35 am): I move—

That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to this state by the late Lyell Edward Newton, a former member of the parliament of Queensland.

That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to the family of the deceased gentleman the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the members of the parliament of Queensland, in the loss they have sustained.

Lyell Edward Newton, widely known as Bill, was a proud Caboolture local who went on to become an elected representative for the people and area he knew so well. He grew up on a dairy farm but after leaving school became a fruit farmer and grazier in the Rocksberg area near Caboolture. Indeed, Bill Newton was to have a longstanding involvement with the fruit growing industry, serving as secretary of the Caboolture Fruitgrowers Association for 27 years from 1957. Mr Newton was also to have a longstanding involvement with the National Party and was chairman of the Caboolture branch of the party from 1963 to 1983. At various times he also served as chairman of the National Party's Murrumba and Caboolture electorate council and was also a state central councillor.

In 1983 Mr Newton was elected to represent Caboolture and in 1985 after an electoral redistribution was re-elected to parliament as the member of the newly created seat of Glass House. In his maiden speech Bill Newton spoke with pride and deep knowledge of his local area, particularly about the primary producers whose work and lives he understood so well. During his six years in the parliament Mr Newton was a member of a number of the National Party's government party committees across a wide range of portfolios including mines and energy, primary industries, environment and education.

Lyell Edward Newton passed away on 2 August 2015 at the age of 80 and a funeral service to commemorate his life was held at the Caboolture Seventh-day Adventist Church on 6 August. I place on record the government's thanks for the years of service Mr Newton gave to the institutions of our democracy and to the Queensland community. On behalf of the government, I take this opportunity to extend my sympathy and that of this House to Mr Newton's wife, Margaret, to his children, his grandchildren, his extended family and his friends.