




Speech By
Hon. Curtis Pitt

MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE

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SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Queensland Drought Appeal

 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, all members of this House are keenly aware of the crippling six-year drought which has hit more than half of Queensland. The drought has had a devastating effect on our farmers and the rural communities which support them. As Queenslanders, it is incumbent on us to do what we can to help. The Queensland Drought Appeal is an initiative of the Queensland Country Women's Association. The Queensland government has made a \$100,000 contribution to the appeal.

The launch of the Queensland Drought Appeal has seen donations pour in from Queenslanders far and wide, and I know that there are many in this place who have already donated to this worthy cause. All money raised will go to the QCWA to be spent on the ground to assist those who live in drought-stricken communities.

To provide support to the appeal, I have approved a Queensland Drought Appeal collection bucket to be placed in the parliamentary cafeteria and other dining areas to ensure that members and staff have an opportunity to support the appeal. Should members and staff wish to donate to the appeal online, donations can be made at www.qlddroughtappeal.com.au or by texting 'DROUGHT' to 0484200200. Donations can also be made at any local Commonwealth Bank branch by asking to donate to the QCWA Queensland Drought Appeal.