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Report, Motion to Take Note

 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (3.58 pm): I, too, rise to speak to the *Flood resilience of river catchments* report delivered by the Auditor-General. It is really important to note that so far all of the speakers from the many different corners of Queensland that we call home have had some experience with flood in their electorates. Sadly, Mount Ommaney is no different. Therefore, today I speak in part in my role with the committee and also as the member for Mount Ommaney, which was hit hard by the 2011 floods. I know that today many residents will be keen to hear the results of this report. In particular, Bruce Mutch and other members of the Jindalee Neighbourhood Watch will be very keen to hear the outcome of the report.

The Auditor-General's report was a performance audit to determine the effectiveness of flood resilience in four catchments: the Bremer, Lockyer and mid and upper Brisbane River catchments, where my electorate is located. Indeed, the Brisbane River flows past my electorate, bordering the suburbs of Corinda, Oxley, Jindalee, Westlake and Riverhills. Half of my electorate is bound by river.

In my community, the impacts of the 2011 flood are still felt by some and remembered by others. The audit examined whether effective governance arrangements were in place, flood preparedness was informed by an understanding of flood risk and flood risks were effectively managed. The committee inquired whether flood plain management was considered as part of our state planning provisions. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority advised that significant progress has been made, with state planning amendments taking into account flood hazard and flood risks.