



Speech By  
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**STATE DEVELOPMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURAL  
INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**Report, Motion to Take Note**

Resumed from 20 September (see p. 2724), on motion of Mr Whiting—

That the House take note of the State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee report No. 10 titled *Consideration of Auditor-General's report 16: 2015-16—Flood resilience of river catchments* tabled on 19 July 2018.

 **Ms PUGH** (Mount Ommaney—ALP) (3.01 pm), continuing: The QRA advised that significant progress had been made, with planning scheme amendments taking into account flood hazard and flood risks. The committee noted that a range of actions to strengthen flood resilience is taking place in Queensland. It is clear that a significant and varied range of actions have already been implemented or are planned to be implemented shortly. The committee acknowledges that a one-size-fits-all solution is not appropriate for Queensland. Instead, locally specific fit-for-purpose solutions are best placed to deliver improved flood resilience.

Resilience activities are underway across Queensland. To promote this issue, the QRA advised—

We also have a strong focus on land use planning. Land use planning is our best capability for dealing with future risk. We also need to deal with improved disaster management with the new information that we have. Improved community information, education and awareness are also very important.

I am seeing these activities at the local level in my community of Oxley, where the Oxley Secondary School site is being redeveloped. EDQ is well aware of the significant risk of flooding on this site and its plans for the site address this issue clearly. The wonderful Yuingi childcare centre, the site of many significant flooding events over the years, is being moved out of the flood plain. The area of the site that floods is being set aside for playing fields and the 74 new homes will be built on higher ground. This is a key demonstration of the outcomes of the report at work to ensure better outcomes for Queenslanders. I want to finish by thanking the Auditor-General's office for examining this issue, which is so important for Queenslanders.