




Speech By
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Floods, Queensland Reconstruction Authority

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.50 am): Queenslanders endure more than their fair share of floods, fires and cyclones, which is why the Palaszczuk government is working to make Queensland the most disaster resilient state in Australia. As the Premier announced today, applications are now open for state government agencies, local councils and non-government organisations to apply for funding from the \$38 million Disaster Resilience Fund. In my portfolio, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority will be contacting agencies and organisations to seek projects that will help communities become better prepared and more resilient to natural disasters.

In the past couple of weeks, I have travelled to both Townsville and Cloncurry to witness firsthand the impact of flooding. I have seen how the response has transitioned to recovery with efforts well underway, coordinated by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. Under the leadership of Chief Executive Brendan Moon, since 25 January 154 QRA officers have worked tirelessly to respond to monsoonal flooding. QRA recovery officers and regional liaison officers have worked close to 4,000 hours assisting with recovery planning and reconstruction efforts. On a weekly basis, 13 regional liaison officers and recovery officers have been on the ground working with councils, industry leaders and community groups.

QRA leads the world in disaster recovery planning and they know helping impacted communities recover from this event will be long and challenging. With the support of all Queenslanders and the QRA, the Palaszczuk government is helping Queenslanders to get back on their feet, stronger than before.