



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Miller Electorate, Coronavirus Response

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (7.26 pm): Over the past few months the world has been turned upside-down by the spread of the coronavirus. The impact has been shocking. Worldwide there are five million cases and 325,000 deaths, 100 of them in Australia, and there are still 2.7 million active cases across the globe. Many things that Queenslanders have taken for granted have been changed profoundly or in some cases have disappeared. People's health, jobs, schooling, work practices, how they move about, socialise, parent and their family life—all of that has changed suddenly, necessarily and often profoundly. It is at these challenging times in life that we realise what we value most and what we need most, and that we deeply appreciate those who put out a hand to reach others who desperately need it.

Tonight, during such extraordinary times, I take this opportunity to acknowledge those who are doing that in my electorate and the might of my community in supporting others. We are seeing people from all walks of life dedicating themselves and their time to those most in need of help to get through this crisis. I take this opportunity to thank some of the local legends in the Miller electorate. Last week I dropped in on Claudia, Theresa and the Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre team who are doing an amazing job helping with food parcels and supporting our local community, while staying safe themselves.

I acknowledge Melinda, Pauline, Bec and the team at the Yeronga Community Centre who have been running a 24/7 food pantry. People can drop food into their community pantry which is basically located on the street. You can leave food for others who need it and if you need it you can come and take it. It is a wonderfully simple idea that I was happy to contribute to, as many members of our community do. I am very proud that we have a permanent home for the Yeronga Community Centre, because they have done wonderful work since the 2011 floods. They will go into the Yeronga Mixed Use Precinct.

I thank Paula Callaghan and her team at the Benarrawa Community Development Association who do a wonderful job to support the community at Chelmer. I thank Trish Cattermole and the team at Belong at Moorooka who service a large area that covers not only my electorate but also the electorates of Toohey and Algester. I know our members are grateful for their work.

Thanks go to the volunteers and staff at Meals on Wheels at Yeronga and Sherwood for their ongoing support of the vulnerable in our community. I thank the people of Braille House at Annerley, the Moorooka Lion's Club and the Women's Legal Service which provides crucial legal support for women, especially now when, sadly, we have seen an increase in domestic violence due to the circumstance. Of course, big thanks go to all our frontline health workers, teachers and school staff who have faced huge challenges. I think it is fair to say that respect for them is at an all-time high. I also thank our public transport workers.