



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Investment) (3.31 pm): Mark Twain wrote—

Let us so live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

Duncan Pegg, our colleague, friend and tireless community advocate, lived such a life. For those of us who had the privilege of attending, the love and admiration of the hundreds of mourners at his funeral made this abundantly clear. Friends and family, representatives of sporting organisations, leaders of our vibrant Brisbane south side and Logan multicultural communities, the Premier, cabinet ministers, federal and state MPs, councillors, former prime minister Kevin Rudd, the extended Labor Party family and even friends from across the aisle—Duncan was greatly loved by so many.

I had the honour of knowing Duncan Pegg for more than 20 years. I watched him grow from his student politics days to the advocacy roles he took up fighting for workers as an industrial and compensation lawyer and as a union official and then as the representative of the community he loved. Duncan was a fighter for what was right and he was a fighter for his community. We heard this time and time again in the many tributes that flowed following his resignation from this place, from standing up against racism in his multicultural community to fighting to deliver the funding for projects the people of Stretton needed.

Even as his illness took hold, Duncan continued to fight to deliver for his community, and his community responded. Despite battling so hard against what became an unbeatable foe, the response of that community and their support for Duncan was demonstrated so clearly in the 2020 state election, when Duncan achieved almost two-thirds of the two-party-preferred vote.

Duncan was the much adored older brother to Graham, Cameron, Grant and Lachlan and the cherished son of Graham and Lindsey—a family who showed to all of us extraordinary strength and an extraordinary bond as they came together to support Duncan and each other during his illness. While their loss is felt by so many, may they be comforted by the knowledge that Duncan lived a life full of purpose, a life that sought to improve the lives of others—a friend to all, a wonderful community champion and a great servant to the mighty Australian Labor Party. Vale, our friend and colleague Duncan Pegg.