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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (3.38 pm): It was with great sadness that on 10 June this year this House lost Duncan Pegg, member for Stretton. Duncan Pegg was in the prime of his life. Sadly, he lost his battle while serving right here in this House—a privilege that is afforded to so few of us. Everyone in this House is fortunate to have known him in varying degrees. He was, as has been said, a very passionate advocate for his community.

I want to tell a couple of stories about Duncan. I first heard about Duncan's uni days when I was at an event in Kingaroy. A former uni friend of Duncan's tried to tell me that he only joined the Labor uni club because he was stacking a faction; otherwise he would have joined our side of politics. I said, 'Seriously'—

**Honourable members:** Ha, ha!

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Exactly! That was exactly my reaction as well. As I said to this friend of Duncan's, 'You haven't seen that bloke attack me in the House. Trust me, I know he was never going to join our side.' He seriously was a true Labor man.

As Minister Grace just talked about—I think she must have taught him—Duncan loved speaking in this House, we know that and it has been said, but I think he spoke on nearly every motion moved in this House, especially the ones that we proposed and especially if they had something to do with finance. Hence, that is why we very fondly called him the brains trust. We were always saying that he should be stepping into the shoes of Minister Dick, the now Treasurer, and saying we have the brains trust up here. It is terrible to say, but as provocative as he may have been, I think I may have been a little bit in return. I have fond memories of debating him during those motions.

I know that many in this chamber will talk about Duncan's contribution in this House because he did know his facts and he did argue very well. We both knew how to give it back to each other. It was fascinating that one day we ran into a bunch of schoolkids who had probably just seen us debating in the House, which is not a good thing, and I was able to say to the schoolkids that that is exactly what politics is about. It might be robust in the House but once you are off the field you are friends. That is what Duncan and I were.

Cancer is a terrible, insidious disease. There are many families that have been touched by it. We know that Duncan used not just his final speech but his final days to highlight the need for awareness and research, so I say to this House, 'Please give blood and get tested.'

Duncan, you served your community and you served it very well. You did your constituents proud. My deepest condolences to his family, Lindsey and Graham, whom I have had the pleasure of meeting. Duncan, they say only the good die young. May you rest in peace.