



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE**

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**MOTION**

**Suspension of Sessional Orders**

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (11.34 am): I rise to repeat my earlier words and acknowledge that, yes, the LNP is supporting this motion to suspend sessional orders for the reason that Wednesday night is an important evening as we acknowledge and raise funds for those affected by the floods, including those in my own community of Glass House. It is therefore important that all members in this chamber be afforded an opportunity to attend that function.

On that note, I let the Leader of the House know that a couple of members were trying to get in but apparently cannot because the bookings have closed. If there is a way to facilitate a number of MPs being able to get on board and attend that function on Wednesday night, that would be much appreciated. Importantly, though, we do not want to lose any debating time, so the addition of an hour this evening will allow us the opportunity to continue to contribute to the public health and other legislation amendment bill in particular. Again, I do not expect this level of collegiality to continue. The bipartisanship will end, but at the moment we accept it and endorse it, and we look forward to debating into this evening. It will almost be like old times as we sit past 7.30 pm.