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## MOTION

### Queensland Floods

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (12.37 pm): I would like to begin my contribution to this motion by offering my sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to the families of the 13 people who lost their lives during this tragic weather event and the many others who were impacted physically, mentally and emotionally. It is going to take a long time for the recovery to get substantially towards the end.

We are Queenslanders and we stand tall during the toughest of times. We share our sorrow, celebrate our success and lend a helping hand to those in need. We have seen all that and so much more in recent weeks. We will continue to do so for months to come as we walk the road to recovery. The toughest of times does bring out the best in people. We have certainly seen it in our local community. There has been a huge response from our local community in terms of volunteers coming out to help those in need. I want to make special mention of but a few, starting with Daniel Young, who has become known as 'Dan the Mill Street Man', with Mill Street being one of the most heavily impacted areas in our local community.

Dan and his mum, Carol, who lives at Collingwood Park, have spent nearly two weeks supporting our community from a makeshift hub which became a critical meeting place for so many of our affected locals offering food, drinks, cleaning products, groceries and lending a helping hand, especially with the huge response from our emergency services workers and volunteers. I also want to give a huge thank you to Lee and Ants from our local Goodness Grazes in Redbank Plains, who left their small catering business for 11 days to keep the grills going in Mill Street to help affected residents as they were cleaning out their homes, as well as actually helping to clean their homes. Players, parents and supporters from the mighty Springfield Pioneers basketball club lined Mill, Enid and Parker streets offering support. After playing their weekend fixtures they would come down and help the community out. A huge shout-out to Morgan from our local Domino's at Goodna, who delivered a huge slice of community spirit with over 800 pizzas for impacted residents, businesses and groups, which were distributed right across our community from Goodna to Bundamba.

Phil and the team of nearly 70-strong volunteers from Thiess kept our local community and volunteers fed and watered with about 150 kilograms of sausages, 60 kilograms of burger patties, 30 kilograms of bacon, 200 loaves of bread, over 1,800 cans of soft drink and 4,000 bottles of water. There was huge support from the team at Thiess and that absolutely needs to be acknowledged. Our wonderful friends from the local Goodna Buddhist temple donated over 700 fresh curries to impacted residents. One resident contacted me to express her gratitude. She said it was the first decent meal she had in over a week. Similar support came from our local Muslim community, which provided much needed food for hundreds of people.

We have crews from the mighty Electrical Trades Union out on the ground today with Operation Energise, completing free electrical safety checks for the uninsured, sole parents, pensioners, not-for-profits and community groups. These crews have already safely returned power to over

45 premises, including the Goodna Bowls Club, bringing more hope and optimism to our local community. Just one reconnected hot water system has united a street in Goodna, with people opening their home and offering a warm shower to their neighbours who might like or need one. I will conclude by saying that it is going to be a long road ahead, but we will walk it together.