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ADJOURNMENT

Bundamba Electorate, Flood Recovery

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (7.09 pm): I would like to extend a huge thanks to Frank and the team from Gales Golf Club whom I joined recently for the Goodna Flood Recovery Golf Day. That community event raised much needed funds, in excess of \$10,000, for our local junior sports clubs that were heavily impacted by the February floods. Those clubs lost literally everything. In some cases, every single piece of their sporting equipment was lost. I place on record my thanks and gratitude to the club staff, the players and members of our local community who turned out in such huge numbers to support our local flood recovery efforts. It was a perfect example of community spirit. It was a perfect example of the Queensland spirit of backing each other and helping each other during tough times.

Queensland communities such as mine are having to do the heavy lifting because the Scott Morrison LNP federal government is not meeting its responsibilities when it comes to our local flood recovery. It is now over 60 days since the Prime Minister granted New South Wales flood victims triple the amount of financial assistance received by flood victims in Queensland communities such as mine. In New South Wales, where a natural disaster was declared, flood victims received \$3,000 while in Queensland, in communities such as mine, only \$1,000 in assistance was given. That is not fair. It is not equitable. Those people were impacted to the same level by the same weather event. Queensland communities such as mine deserve our fair share.

It is an absolute disgrace that the Prime Minister was dragged kicking and screaming to fund 50 per cent of our \$771 million flood recovery package, which includes funding for things such as buybacks, the raising of houses and building back with flood resistant materials. Our Premier wrote to the Prime Minister to ask for that partnership. The Prime Minister sat on it for over three-and-a-half weeks—almost a month—before writing back to say, no, they would not help. Then he did a backflip. That was a month that communities such as mine lost when it comes to precious flood recovery time. We will not forget it, Queenslanders will not forget it and we will make it known on 21 May.