



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

**Floods, Recovery Assistance; Brandham, Mr G**

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (2.39 pm): It is now September and that means that we are about to mark the grim milestone of six months since the devastating three-day rain bomb event that devastated my local community and many others across Queensland. In my community, the suburbs of Goodna and Bundamba were particularly heavy hit. Our local community is strong and resilient and our flood recovery is ongoing. Central to that is the \$741 million Resilient Homes Fund, the largest and most complex of its type in Australia.

Across Ipswich alone, a total of 466 people have registered under the fund—95 for house raising, 101 for a resilient retrofit and 181 for voluntary buyback. There are also 89 people who are understandably unsure about the best option for them and do want to take some more time to work through exactly what is going to suit their needs. Retrofit and buyback reports have been completed for more than 60 properties, and assessors and staff are continuing to work with our local flood victims.

I would like to say a massive thankyou to workers from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, the Resilient Homes Fund and our department of public works who are out there working to assist our local community. Again I want to place on the record my acknowledgement of the incredible ongoing strength, spirit and determination of our impacted locals and our broader community who continue to provide support and solidarity. I would like to remind anyone with a flood-affected property in our community who has not already applied for the Resilient Homes Fund to do so as soon as possible. Of course, anyone can contact my office at any time for help.

Finally, I conclude today by offering my sincere condolences to the family and friends of long-time local Labor Party stalwart Glenn Brandham. Sadly, Glenn passed away recently. He was a familiar and friendly face around our local community. He volunteered on my campaigns. His passion, knowledge and sense of humour will be sadly missed, no more so than at our local Goodna branch meetings. My thoughts are with Glenn's wife, Sarina, and their children at this most difficult time. Vale Glenn Brandham.