



Speech By  
**Hon. Shannon Fentiman**


**MEMBER FOR WATERFORD**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Waterford Electorate, Grants**

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (9.03 pm): One of my favourite things about being an elected member of parliament is representing hardworking and resilient people. Between floods and natural disasters, increasing cost-of-living pressures and inflation, a lot of families and local businesses across my electorate have been doing it tough. However, the community of Waterford is tougher. The people of Waterford know how to bounce back, and I am so proud to be in the privileged position to help them do that. That is why I was so excited to announce the recipients of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund Disaster Recovery round last week.

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund is a fantastic initiative that allows community organisations to purchase items and make upgrades to local facilities. This round of grants was particularly aimed at helping disaster-affected organisations get back on their feet following the devastating floods. The mighty Bethania Rams football club received \$25,000 to renovate their fields and replace their goalposts, which had been inundated earlier this year. The Logan City Cricketers also received a grant to upgrade their oval, and Friends With Dignity, who provide incredible support for people impacted by domestic and family violence, received over \$26,000 to purchase new furniture. The Logan Beaudesert Country Music Club received more than \$22,000 for a new trailer. These grants will make a real difference to not only the organisations that receive them but also the communities that engage with these organisations. For any organisations that missed out this time around, there will be another opportunity to apply for up to \$100,000 when applications for the next Gambling Community Benefit Fund super round open in mid-January.

We know how these grants will go a long way towards helping our community bounce back from natural disasters, but it is also important that we are investing in preventive and emergency response measures. Last month I was proud to join the Minister for Police and the members for Logan and Woodridge at the opening of the brand new Loganlea Fire and Rescue Station. It is the first new station in our community for 37 years and it will make such a difference to keeping our ever-growing community safer. I inspected the facility myself and I have to say that, compared to the previous station, it is a huge contrast and is much needed to cater for our growing community. I thank Minister Ryan for his incredibly hard work and Minister Crawford, the former minister, for helping us to deliver this station for the Waterford community. I continue to fight for Waterford, and so does the Labor government.