




Speech By
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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Floods, Recovery Assistance

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (9.50 am): This summer has seen multiple catastrophic floods impact Queenslanders in the south of the state. Many communities are dealing with the compounding impact of two or three of these events. We have moved swiftly to ensure financial support is getting to where it is needed most—to people, families, small businesses, not-for-profits and primary producers. There is personal hardship assistance available for those individuals and families who are doing it tough and a \$558 million grants package for flood-affected small businesses, primary producers, not-for-profit organisations, sporting clubs and councils.

In addition, we have funded the \$741 million Resilient Homes Fund program and a \$30 million clean-up program. Still, there is more to be done. Recovery from major events needs to take into consideration a wide range of factors, and this package will help fund and address elements that have not yet been covered in the \$558.5 million grants package and the \$771 million Resilient Homes Fund and clean-up package.

The next phase is a \$721 million package that will be available across 37 local government areas hit by the three major floods in 2021-22 to help them recover and build back better. The package will be jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments under the disaster recovery funding arrangements and brings the total of extraordinary assistance announced this disaster season to more than \$2 billion.

This latest package includes: a \$150 million betterment package; a \$150 million community and recreational assets package; \$177.7 million for human and social initiatives; \$177 million for economic recovery; and \$56.9 million for environmental recovery and management. It will provide a great deal of flexibility for impacted communities for services, grants and programs to help them on their recovery journey. It will see more people on the ground supporting families, farmers and businesses to get back on their feet. It will kickstart the long road to recovery for councils and communities. We are committed to ensuring our communities recover from these catastrophic events and we are committed to building safer, stronger and more resilient communities.