



Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**


**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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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) (9.43 am): This year Queenslanders have endured the worst disaster season since 2011, and recovery from these extraordinary disasters is a long process—but we will be there for Queenslanders long after the flood waters recede. That is why we are making extraordinary disaster assistance of \$105 million available to local councils and state agencies to clean up and repair community assets damaged in the major floods of the 2021-22 disaster season.

A total of \$100 million is available for the repair of community assets, while \$5 million will be spent to repair recreational assets in public parks. The funding is part of the \$150 million Community and Recreational Assets Recovery and Resilience Program, which includes \$45 million to directly support not-for-profit community sporting clubs affected by the recent flood and rain events.

Expressions of interest have opened for the funding, which is available to councils and state agencies in 37 flood affected local government areas affected by the recent disaster events. This program offers a chance for eligible councils and state agencies to apply for funding to clean up, repair and, in some cases, make these recreational assets more resilient to future floods.

The three severe rainfall and flooding events have also seen a large amount of damage to nature based recreation and fire management infrastructure within the Queensland national parks and state forests. More than 40 national parks, conservation parks and key visitor areas managed by the environment department between Hervey Bay and the Gold Coast have been impacted, and \$5 million will be available to help repair those.

For assets such as showgrounds, council or state owned sporting grounds, bikeways, parks, playgrounds, fire trails and beach access points, eligible councils and state agencies are encouraged to submit an expression of interest. Fixing damaged recreational facilities will help restore social and community networks and can also help the economic recovery of local communities that rely on these assets for tourism and visitor numbers. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority will administer this \$105 million program.

The Community and Recreational Assets Recovery and Resilience Program is part of a \$721 million jointly funded Commonwealth and Queensland government DRFA exceptional circumstances package for Queensland which includes human and social recovery, and economic, environmental and infrastructure recovery.