




Speech By
Hon. Dr Steven Miles

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

North-West Queensland Floods, Recovery

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure) (9.59 am): Last month I visited flood-affected parts of north-west Queensland with the member of Traeger and Major Jake Ellwood, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority's CEO. Spending time on the ground there was valuable for us to understand what further support was required.

I am pleased to announce to the House today that, together with the Albanese Labor government, we will provide north-west Queensland councils with an additional \$5 million package to go towards further disaster recovery, as well as targeted mental health and wellbeing services. Some \$4 million of this funding is specifically for the councils of Boulia, Burke, Carpentaria and Doomadgee to assist with recovery and support locally led resilience initiatives. The additional \$1 million is earmarked for a community mental health package for people in Boulia, Burke, Carpentaria, Doomadgee and Mount Isa.

These floods were record-breaking and the road ahead will be long, but with support packages like this \$5 million investment, the Palaszczuk and Albanese governments are making sure every Queenslanders feels supported while we build back better.