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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Townsville Electorate, Weather Events**

 **Mr BAILLIE** (Townsville—LNP) (9.04 pm): Today I rise to express my gratitude and acknowledge our extraordinary communities in North Queensland—the resilient people of Townsville, Magnetic Island, Palm Island and the wider North Queensland region, places like Ingham, Cardwell, Giru and Charters Towers. From late January and over two weeks, we were struck by unprecedented rainfall that caused significant flooding, structural damage, water ingress and the distressing intrusion of sewage and mud into homes. Essential services have been cut, household items have been lost, and the emotional toll on our communities has been immense. In addition, we have faced the development of mould spores in homes and vehicles, the displacement of families into crisis accommodation and the need for alternative living arrangements with friends and families unexpectedly taking in extra people and pets. There has also been substantial income loss for many of our community, particularly those employed casually or on a contract basis.

Despite these challenges, our communities come together, showing incredible solidarity and support for one another. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Premier, ministers and my colleagues for their physical presence, assistance, guidance and for personally checking on the safety and wellbeing of the disaster response and recovery teams.

My heartfelt thanks go to the police, the fire, the SES, Red Cross, Salvos, community recovery and Ergon Energy teams, councils and their local disaster management teams, cafes, hospitality services, community organisations, volunteers, sandbag fillers and the many others who have selflessly stepped up to help their fellow Queenslanders in their time of need. In addition, the assistance of the Defence Force was incredibly valuable and greatly appreciated.

It is often in the darkest of times that we see the best in our communities. The last few weeks have been tough, but the residents of Townsville electorate have been resilient and, despite the continuous cloud cover and relentless rain, our community spirit continues to shine brightly—mates helping mates, neighbours helping neighbours, strangers helping strangers, Queenslanders helping Queenslanders. I am honoured to represent these communities here in our parliament, but, more importantly, it is a privilege to stand alongside the wonderful people of Townsville electorate as we work together to overcome our challenges and continue to forge forward on the road to recovery.