



Speech By
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 **Hon. A LEAHY** (Warrego—LNP) (Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers) (2.38 pm): Queenslanders have faced severe storms, extreme flooding and a tropical cyclone this summer and they have done so with the determination and resilience that our state is known for. I can assure Queenslanders that the Crisafulli government has been working nonstop throughout the summer to help impacted Queenslanders get back on their feet. Let us be clear, it is no small task.

Already 46 of 77 local governments have had disaster recovery activations to deal with the impact of these weather events. Over 2,600 personal hardship assistance support packages have been provided so far to Queenslanders needing a hand up. Working with the Commonwealth government, we have delivered over \$66 million worth of DRFA funding for category C and D packages. This forms just part of the work that the QRA and other agencies are doing as we seek to help Queensland communities. Let us not forget also the work of local governments over the past couple of months. I acknowledge the many mayors, councillors and CEOs I have been in regular contact with and working with to ensure they get the support they need for their communities.

I have had the opportunity to visit many of these impacted communities. I have been on the ground with the people in Winton, Julia Creek, Mackay, Gargett, Finch Hatton, Eungella, Proserpine, Airlie Beach, Rockhampton, Normanton and Einasleigh. I give a shout-out to our local members who have been working hard for their communities, especially the members for Gregory, Mirani, Rockhampton and Keppel who have been there with me. I have been there to ensure people are getting the help they need because the Crisafulli government has the disaster impacted communities as a priority, unlike what we saw over a decade of decline under Labor. Only the Crisafulli LNP government will back these communities and walk alongside them on the road to recovery.