



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MOGGILL**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Moggill Electorate, Cyclone Alfred**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.41 pm): The community response to the recent circumstances of Tropical Cyclone Alfred has been nothing short of remarkable. Queensland has again demonstrated why it stands as a national leader in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. In the electorate of Moggill there was significant preparation work undertaken in relation to potential isolation, as well as service and infrastructure impacts. Throughout the evolving severe weather circumstances of Tropical Cyclone Alfred, I remained in regular contact with our various local emergency services, schools and community organisations to ensure the safety of all local residents and the timely communication of emergent issues to various government agencies and the resolution of specific community safety matters.

I wish to acknowledge some of the many outstanding local residents and emergency service personnel for their dedication and commitment to our community throughout this event, including Alison Clark, group leader of the Moggill Group SES; Inspector Corey Allen, Chief Inspector of the Queensland Police Service's inner-west patrol group; Senior Constable Chris Tetley; Senior Sergeant Lee Fortune, officer in charge of the Karana Downs police station; Senior Sergeant Shane Hancock, officer in charge of the Indooroopilly police station; Dan Bloor, officer in charge of the Pinjarra Hills Ambulance Station; Tahryn Kellie, officer in charge of the Kenmore Ambulance Station; Queensland Fire Department Assistant Commissioner Kevin Reading; members of the Brookfield Rural Fire Brigade; Dr Cath Hester of the Colleges Crossing Family Practice; those community members such as Mark Smeaton leading and facilitating the 4070 Community Disaster and Coordination Group as well as others involved in the Karana Downs Region Disaster Community Support group; and Councillor Greg Adermann, councillor for the Pullenvale Ward, and Councillor Penny Wolff, councillor for the Walter Taylor Ward.

I am pleased to say that there have been noticeably significant improvements in disaster preparations as well as collaboration and coordination between agencies and various levels of government following the 2022 severe weather and flood event as well as the Brisbane flood of 2011. The much required new Mount Crosby vehicle bridge, now known as Explorers Bridge, has also provided better resilience and continued access to residents of the western part of my electorate. I also acknowledge the importance of facilitating our Mount Crosby State School as a planned community support hub along with our Moggill SES facility at Anstead also being a base for enhanced community responsiveness as a part of Brisbane City Council's disaster planning processes. I also want to acknowledge the significant planning for Chapel Hill and Kenmore, as well as Brookfield and Upper Brookfield, and I certainly know that local power outage issues have been substantial as a part of the broader loss of power for 300,000 residents across South-East Queensland.

To those on the front line, to every volunteer and to every Queenslander who has extended a helping hand, we say thank you. Your efforts remind us that, while we may face adversity, we do so together, united as Queenslanders.