



Speech By
Hon. David Crisafulli

MEMBER FOR BROADWATER

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

Clauson, Mr PJ, AM

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.37 am): I move—

That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to this state by the late Paul John Clauson AM, a former member of the Parliament of Queensland and minister of the state; and

That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to the family of the deceased gentleman the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the members of the Parliament of Queensland in the loss they have sustained.

Paul John Clauson AM was born in Brisbane on 16 September 1949. He went to school in Brisbane before studying law at the University of Queensland. The law became a pivotal and enduring part of his life. Mr Clauson went on to serve the legal institutions of Queensland and Australia for much of his life. He began as a solicitor and public servant before becoming a judge's associate in 1974. Ten years owning and running a general legal practice followed before he was admitted to the bar in 1987.

Mr Clauson's political life began in 1985 when the then member for Redlands, the Hon. John Golby, tragically died in a farm accident. Mr Clauson was selected by the National Party to contest the Redlands by-election, which he successfully retained. Twelve months later, he went on to hold the seat at the state election of November 1986. Following his election, Mr Clauson was elevated to cabinet. He served as Queensland's attorney-general from 1986 to 1989, continuing his long association with the law. At times throughout his three years as a cabinet minister he also held the portfolios of justice, corrective services, heritage and the arts. Mr Clauson lost his seat at the state election of December 1989.

After his time in the House, Mr Clauson served the community in many ways. This included as a member of the Board of Directors for Ormiston College for over 20 years and with the Infrastructure Association of Queensland for 16 years. Mr Clauson served as the Commissioner of Queensland's Legal Services Commission from 2014 to 2017. He then served the Commonwealth of Australia from 2017 to 2024 as a senior member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.

In 2019, Mr Clauson was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to the law and to the people and parliament of Queensland. It is an honour of which his family can be very proud. I acknowledge Mr Clauson's family members who join us in the gallery today: his daughter Camilla and her husband Ken, his son Andrew, and his wife Kate.

Paul John Clauson AM passed away on 12 September. On behalf of the government, I place on record our thanks for his service over many years, and I extend my sympathy and that of this House to his family and friends. Vale, Paul Clauson.