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## ADJOURNMENT

### Mirani Electorate, Weather Event

 **Mr G KELLY** (Mirani—LNP) (9.23 pm): When you live in the electorate of Mirani, you learn to respect the wet season. You learn to watch the skies, listen to the BoM warnings—and hope they are right—and prepare for what may come. The start of 2026 tested our communities. Ex-Tropical Cyclone Koji brought severe weather and flooding across the Mirani electorate. In a short time, heavy rain led to flooded homes, closed roads, power outages and communities being cut off. It was stressful, it was disruptive, and for many families and businesses it was confronting, but it also showed the true strength of our region. In the Pioneer Valley, flooding caused significant damage to homes, businesses and livelihoods. My office worked closely with many constituents who needed urgent support. I sincerely acknowledge Brenton Niemz, a recovery coordinator from Mackay Regional Council. Brenton worked closely with my office and Community Recovery to ensure people could access financial assistance. That cooperation made a real difference during a very difficult time.

The Eungella Range was another pressure point. Landslips caused serious disruptions to access and transport. I thank Transport and Main Roads and the local RoadTek crews for their swift and professional response. Restoring single-lane access in challenging and unsafe conditions was critical to reconnecting the Eungella community. Eungella was not the only community affected. Mirani has a large rural electorate. Many bridges and crossings were cut off, including Funnel Creek crossing and Wadallah Creek crossing. These closures isolated communities and highlighted how dependent regional areas are on reliable access.

Recovery does not happen without those who restore the basics: power, safety, shelter and so on. Ergon Energy workers deserve a special shout-out here. These crews worked in terrible weather around the clock to restore power to homes, farms and businesses. During events like this the loss of power combined with sweltering heat adds enormous stress for families. Ergon workers stepped up for the people who needed it most. Our communities are deeply grateful.

One story that truly captures the heart of this event is that of Mick and Marlene from Valley Rural Services in Finch Hatton. Their businesses were completely inundated and the clean-up was overwhelming. The community rallied behind them without hesitation. Even while dealing with their own recovery, Mick and Marlene turned their business into an informal information hub for my office. I give a big shout-out to the people of Mirani for what they went through during this terrible event. There is one thing about Mirani that always stands out, and that is the people who live in it and how resilient they are.