



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MUNDINGBURRA**

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 **Mrs POOLE** (Mundingburra—LNP) (12.04 pm): I have already spoken in the House about the 2025 floods, but there is always more to say about an event that will be etched in North Queensland's history books. Firstly, I would like to pay my respects and extend my deepest condolences to the two families and the loved ones of those who lost their lives as a result of the flooding.

In weather events such as the North Queensland floods it is the role of a government to provide the tools and the resources and to support the community needs to prepare, to respond and to recover. From the moment that the first weather warning was issued, our government was there. Our Premier was side by side with our emergency services personnel to ensure that the north was prepared. As the rainfall continued, the Premier was side by side on the ground with our emergency service personnel to ensure we could respond. As soon as the weather subsided, our Premier was there, side by side with our community to ensure we could recover. It was not just the Premier; it was also his cabinet, our ministry, who supported the community of the north. Thank you.

I must applaud the efforts of the Minister for Transport and Main Roads, who had a mammoth task after the Ollera Creek Bridge was destroyed by floodwaters. Within four days we had worked with the ADF's 3CER for a temporary bridge to be constructed to get that critical infrastructure needed to our Ingham community. Within nine days a new temporary bridge was constructed that was open to the community.

I want the record to show our thanks for all the efforts of those who were involved in the events—the emergency services personnel, frontline responders, our ADF, community members, volunteers, Ergon, TMR, SES, QBuild and Queensland Rail; we thank you. I want the record to show that they have a government that backs them, that supports them and that will continue to be with them on this path of recovery that we walk together. The Crisafulli government will ensure that our community recovers and recovers well, and we will build better.

We have announced disaster recovery assistance for individuals, small businesses, sport and recreational organisations, and registered charities to support and enable our community to get back up and running. Once again, the strength of the Queensland spirit and mateship has shone through this disaster event. I will continue to work with our government and our community in Mundingburra and the north to ensure that we are better off.