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ADJOURNMENT

Redcliffe Electorate, Tropical Cyclone Alfred

 **Ms DOOLEY** (Redcliffe—LNP) (9.21 pm): I rise tonight to say a heartfelt and well-deserved thank you to my remarkable community of Redcliffe for how they prepared, rallied and supported each other during Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Like Jim said, during natural disasters we see the best—and sometimes the worst—of humanity. We saw neighbours helping neighbours, strangers helping strangers. At the Margate sandbagging station we went from seeing people help those who could not shovel or did not have one to hearing reports of sandbags being stolen from local businesses like Basil & Co at Scarborough.

I pay tribute to the Redcliffe Citipointe Love Army, which, with the federal member for Petrie, Luke Howarth, was helping fill and deliver sandbags for hours for those who could not. The Love Army also activated its volunteers within one hour of my call to help a distressed resident whose rental property was completely destroyed and inundated with water. The Love Army—faith in action—brought their trailer, hands and feet to help.

I also thank our Premier, who was calm, measured, clear and concise when it came to guiding Queenslanders through this crisis. The Premier listened and acted and was present in Redcliffe this week to meet with locals who were affected by the cyclone. He met with business owners and residents, offering reassurance. So many candidly praised him for his support through this crisis.

I say thank you to the residents and businesses of Moreton Island, also in my electorate of Redcliffe, including the Gutter Bar at Koorngal, which made it on the news, and Castaways at Bulwer, for providing safe havens during the cyclone. I thank our police, who were out doorknocking every day to ensure that flood-prone homes were ready and followed up with seniors to make sure they were safe when we lost power; our SES; Energex; all the staff at Redcliffe Hospital; and community organisations like Encircle Redcliffe homelessness outreach assistance program for helping our vulnerable evacuate and get to safe refuges. Thanks also to: Superintendent Adam Guild, our DDMG; Scarborough, Humpybong, Clontarf and Kippa-Ring state schools; Redcliffe and Clontarf high schools; Woody Point and Redcliffe special schools; Grace Lutheran and Southern Cross College; and all of the principals, teachers and staff who helped clean up our schools to get students back as soon as possible. Last but not least, I express my gratitude to the City of Moreton Bay council, which led the disaster management team. I am both humbled and proud to be the member for Redcliffe—a community that wraps around each other in times of crisis.