



Speech By  
**Hon. Tim Mander**


**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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**MOTION**

**Weather Events, Response**

 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (5.36 pm): I move the following amendment—

That paragraphs 4 to 10 be omitted and the following paragraphs inserted:

4. notes the ongoing efforts of energy crews to restore power and notes the government's commitment to ensure all resources are made available to fast-track reconnection.
5. notes the key roles played by all agencies, including Seqwater, and the benefit to Queensland where such entities are made available to answer media questions.
6. notes the key role played by local government and notes the government's recently signed Equal Partners in Government agreement with local government.
7. notes the important role of parliamentarians to ask questions about the activities and priorities of government during natural disasters, while ensuring resources are not taken away from either the response or recovery.
8. notes the critical nature of timely severe weather event warnings and notes the government's efforts to provide these to the public as soon as possible.
9. notes the Premier's endorsement of the key role played by Prime Minister Albanese and federal opposition leader Peter Dutton in ensuring all levels of government were actively involved in handling the impacts of ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred.
10. acknowledges the commitment of various elected representatives to their communities.'

This Labor opposition, whom we saw today during question time in total disarray and without one ounce of strategy, have come to parliament tonight with a motion that reeks of everything they are accusing others of. Because they do not have the courage to come out and say it directly, they have done it in a veiled way to hide the intent of what they are trying to communicate.

We have heard comments from everybody—from local governments to constituents who have openly said they do not normally vote our way and are Labor supporters—about the statesmanlike performance of the Premier—

**Ms Enoch** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Algeester, you are now warned.

**Mr MANDER:** There have been comments on the Premier's demeanour, the fact that he was not patronising and the fact that he gave data so people could be well informed in making decisions themselves on when they return to work or when they return to school, rather than being dictated to, which they had become used to under the former government.

There were other comments from public servants who were associated with the disaster relief. They said the change between this government's approach and the previous government's approach was stark. What were some of those things? We actually started meetings on time so they did not have to wait 10, 15 minutes or half an hour—like they did for previous premiers—to suddenly roll in. They

were not used to ministers giving reports. In the past, directors-general gave reports while the ministers sat behind them and said nothing. They were not used to the accountability served up by this government compared to the previous government.

The fact is: they are accusing us of politicising a disaster when that is exactly what they have done with this motion. In one breath they talk about politicising the situation and then they start raving on about Albanese's role in all this when the Premier already graciously acknowledged the role that he played. The other first that happened that most people will not know: for the first time ever the Premier gave a briefing to all of the MPs who were affected. Never would that have entered the mind of the previous government. He showed them respect by speaking directly to them via a Teams meeting so they could hear directly from the Premier what the latest situation was. This motion is a total embarrassment to the Labor opposition. They should be ashamed of themselves. The performance of the opposition in question time today was pathetic, and this motion is no better.