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**MEMBER FOR CALLIDE**

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## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

### **Weather Events, Recovery**

 **Mr HEAD** (Callide—LNP) (2.42 pm): Some may have missed the debate last night, but for anyone who happens to be flicking through the *Hansard* today, I encourage them to look back at the debate last night and maybe find where those opposite are talking about the supply of fuel and the need to actually address the supply issues, rather than just playing politics. Nonetheless, I rise today to talk about the flooding impacts that have recently occurred across the electorate of Callide and all corners of the electorate of Callide in different respects, from Calliope to Chinchilla, from Bilo to Gayndah and a lot of places in between.

The community of Chinchilla had significant water come down Charleys Creek and flood a lot of businesses and a number of homes as well. One of the business owners I was talking to told me it was the sixth flood he has faced whilst doing business in that area, and he did make the comment that maybe it is a sign he needs to find a new spot to run his workshop. Nonetheless, as Queenslanders do, they get in, clean up and get on with business and do what they do best, and in these small businesses it is providing goods and services. In this instance, he is a local cabinet-maker with a kitchen supply business. He does great work in the community. I know they were already getting back into operation very quickly after that.

There were also inundations in Gayndah and Mundubbera, too, and roads cut off through the Banana Shire as well. I want to say thanks to TMR for the great work they did in getting those roads opened as soon as they could.

I have already passed on my thanks to the minister from both industry and council in that part of the world who have shared that it was the quickest response from TMR they have seen. That is a great reflection of the work that the Crisafulli LNP government is doing in ensuring our departments are working with us in prioritising things appropriately. I have also had three different ministers visit the electorate since the floods—local government and disaster recovery minister Leahy, transport minister Mickelberg and primary industries minister Perrett.

In the time I have left, with regard to flood and fuel impacts, I received a text earlier from melon grower Terry O'Leary of Chinchilla with regard to his concerns around fuel. He is a small-scale horticulture grower. His business normally has 10,000 litres of fuel in storage, always topped up, and never allowed to shrink to 4,000 litres. They ordered fuel four weeks ago, but due to the floods they could not get that fuel in. Now they cannot find any diesel for delivery. They should be doing clean-up picks in between harvest for the last two crops. They have lost 350 tonnes of watermelon. I have my watermelon tie on, too, being a Chinchilla boy. They will see another 150 tonnes lost on clean-up picks as they do not have enough fuel to do that, as well as dealing with other impacts going forward. It is clear that the federal government needs to do more to fix the fuel supply crisis in Queensland.