



Speech By  
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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SMALL BUSINESS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE  
COMMITTEE**

**Report, Motion to Take Note**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (3.42 pm): I rise to address the report No.4 of the Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee, *Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland*. This was a significant and much needed inquiry. It represents the first time a state government has actively and deliberately sought the views of volunteers and reported on the state of volunteering in communities across Queensland. That in itself is worthy of recognition. Importantly, this inquiry delivers on a key election commitment of the Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government. We said that we would listen. We said that we would respect Queensland's volunteers and take their contributions seriously, and through this inquiry the Liberal National Party have done exactly that.

Volunteers are the quiet achievers of our state. For too long their voices have not always been directly sought in a structured way at a state level, and this inquiry changes that. The Local Government, Small Business and Customer Service Committee travelled, consulted, received submissions and heard firsthand about the challenges and opportunities facing the volunteering sector. It heard about the pressures of rising costs, regulatory burdens, volunteer fatigue, insurance complexities and the need to attract younger generations into service. It also heard about the immense pride and fulfilment that comes from giving back. The response issued by the Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government to the committee's report demonstrates a clear commitment to strengthening and sustaining volunteering across Queensland.

Whilst this is a statewide inquiry, I want to use this opportunity to highlight the extraordinary contribution of volunteers in my electorate of Moggill. In our local area, volunteering is not an occasional act; it is a constant and defining feature of our community. We see it in the dedicated justices of the peace and commissioners for declarations who quietly give up their time, often week after week, to assist residents. We see it in our emergency services and disaster management personnel—the volunteers of the Moggill Group SES and the Brookfield Rural Fire Brigade, which stands ready at all hours. In times of storm, fire and flood they do not hesitate. They leave their homes and their families to protect ours. Their professionalism and courage are nothing short of remarkable.

We see it in our schools. In recent weeks it has been a pleasure to attend a number of P&C annual general meetings across the electorate, with more to come. We see it in the enduring service of our local Moggill and Brookfield QCWA branches that continue to support local families and communities across our state. We also see it in the work of our local Bellbowrie and ShedWest men's sheds, which provide connection, practical skills and support—particularly for our senior residents and those at risk of isolation. We also see it in the Kenmore-Moggill RSL Sub-Branch, where volunteers work tirelessly to honour the legacy of our service men and women, to support veterans and their families and to ensure remembrance remains a living commitment in our community. I also want to

acknowledge the many volunteers across our environmental and creek catchment groups and our local community garden clubs where residents give their time to protect our natural environment and foster friendship.

The selfless act of volunteering is something that we see each and every weekend across the fields and ovals throughout the electorate of Moggill. Whether it is our local Scouting and Girl Guide groups; football clubs including the Moggill Football Club and UQFC; AFL clubs including Kenmore and Moggill; our Kenmore and Karana Downs rugby clubs; Kenmore Little Athletics; or the Moggill, Karana Downs, Yarrawa and Brookfield horse and pony clubs, as well as our Rotary and Lions clubs—to name just a few of our local sport, community and recreation clubs—they simply would not be able to function without volunteers. That is why I am also so proud to have delivered significant investment, as part of my election commitments, to back the vital work of our community, environmental and sporting organisations and the volunteers who power them.

The Crisafulli Liberal National Party state government has delivered on our commitment to undertake this inquiry and we are committed to ensuring volunteering in Queensland is not only sustained but also strengthened for generations to come. To every volunteer in the electorate of Moggill and across our great state: this report is for you. It is an acknowledgement of your service, your sacrifice and your enduring contribution to the Queensland way of life.

I conclude by saying: for those who are not currently volunteering, there are certainly immense opportunities—not only in my electorate of Moggill but right across Queensland—to contribute in a meaningful way to their communities. I would encourage people to take up those opportunities because not only are they needed but also there can be immense satisfaction that Queenslanders gain from volunteering. We know that often in some areas there are smaller and smaller numbers of people who are contributing more and more in multiple organisations. Whilst that is welcome, they certainly would value the support of other people who would step forward, contribute to their communities and ensure some of the heavy lifting and the loads are spread evenly across communities right across Queensland. Volunteering is fantastic.