



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

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Speaker says MPs mourn terrible loss of life in fire tragedy

Speaker of the Queensland Parliament John Mickel said today all MPs mourned the terrible loss of life in the Slacks Creek fire tragedy.

Mr Mickel said members of the local community were understandably shocked that a house fire could have such devastating consequences.

“While this dreadful tragedy occurred in a neighbouring electorate to mine, I know first hand of the tremendous sense of community that characterises the Tongan and Samoan people who live in this area.

“These deep bonds of community mean that in times of great loss such as this, the pain is all the more acutely felt.

“Yet these same bonds of community will help those affected bear the sorrow and the sadness that they now must endure.”

Mr Mickel expressed heartfelt sympathy to the families of the fire’s victims, and offered condolences to their extended network of relatives, friends and local community members.

“We grieve for the individuals who perished in the fire. That there were so many of such a young age makes this tragedy all the greater,” Mr Mickel said.

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