

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

15 August 2018

WALLSEND ELECTORATE DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) (13:17):

Last Saturday Hunter residents once again showed their willingness to give when someone is doing it tough.

Three weeks ago a local truck driver had an idea to drive his truck to Speers Point to see if locals would help him fill it with items for farmers facing tough times as a result of this horrific drought. Members will not be surprised to learn that Hunter residents filled it in spades.

Eight semitrailers were filled with more than 200 pallets of non-perishable items and more than \$80,000 in cash and prepaid cards were donated to farmers.

I also thank Wallsend residents who filled my office with more than five tonnes of food and almost \$2,500 in donations.

I congratulate Shane and Bianca Worrall and the hundreds of volunteers who helped sort and pack the items.