



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

**FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT**

**Community Recognition Statement**

18 November 2020

**THANK YOU**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) :**

On Monday, a powerful storm lashed parts of the Wallsend electorate and the Hunter. 20,000 homes and businesses were left without power and 200 sets of power lines and poles were damaged and had to be repaired or replaced. More than 500 calls for assistance were made from residents who had their homes, garages or cars damaged by the destructive winds knocking down hundreds of trees.

Thank you to the workers and volunteers from Ausgrid, SES Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, Police from Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens Hunter Districts, Fire and Rescue Wallsend, Minmi, Tarro, Lambton and Cardiff, NSW Ambulance, and workers from the City of Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Council.

We know these workers and volunteers are not motivated by recognition. They are motivated by their ability to provide assistance. They go out into our community during severe weather events because they put others first and themselves last.

That is the characteristic that makes our emergency service workers and volunteers the guardian angels of our society. They put their lives on the line for the benefit of others.

On behalf of the Wallsend electorate, I want to say a massive thank you to you all.