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**LES MURRAY, AM**

**Ms SONIA HORNERY ( Wallsend ) ( 18:21 ):**

This is the second speech I have made about Les Murray, AM, today. I could not let this opportunity go by without saying some words about a wonderful man and also pay my respects to his partner, Maria, on behalf of the House.

As a long-term football tragic and Jets fan, I had the pleasure of spending lots of time with Les and Maria talking about football and the promotion of sport for young people and young women in particular, which I am personally very keen on.

When I heard of Les's passing it came as a surprise to me. I had not known he had been unwell because he was such an energetic and active man. I feel a deep sadness for the football community in Australia. Les has left a strong legacy for others to follow because of his energy and his devotion and love for football which cannot be surpassed.

I say goodbye to Les. I hope the community remembers him as a wonderful advocate for football. Let us remember where Les came from, because he never forgot it and used it in the best possible way. I know the football community and the whole of Newcastle is feeling sad about the loss of Les; I first met him at a Lambton Jaffas presentation night. I again express my condolences to Maria. I hope that she is okay. I know Les will be fondly remembered in our Parliament.