

PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Community Recognition Statement

9 August 2022

FIRE AND RESCUE NSW STATION 357 LAMBTON

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend):

During the Mid North Coast flood emergency in March 2021, a strike team of 17 firefighters from Fire and Rescue NSW was assembled to serve as a response team and flood rescue technicians.

Strike Team Zulu included two firefighters from 357 Station Lambton – Deputy Commissioner Jeremy Fewtrell and Senior Firefighter Gerard Collins. Their efforts earned them and the rest of the team an International Rescue Award for Outstanding Achievement at the Higgins and Langley Awards.

These awards were held in the USA earlier in the year. This award marks the first time an Australian individual or team had been presented with the Outstanding Achievement Award.

All of Strike Team Zulu did an incredible job and service to the communities affected by flood emergencies. My congratulations extend to not just Deputy Commissioner Fewtrell and Senior Firefighter Collins, but to the entire team. The award is well-deserved and I am pleased to see the hard work of our firefighters being recognised.

Congratulations to Strike Team Zulu, and thank you for all that you do.