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Grievance Speech
Tuesday 6th June 2006

- **On 10th June 2005 a devastating storm tore through the Mallee town of Karoonda. The storm:-**
 - Brief but powerful
 - Destroyed 19 homes
 - Took the roof of CFS shed
 - Caused extensive damage to the Ambulance Station and hospital
 - Uprooted large trees
 - Scattered roofing iron and debris over a large area surrounding the township
 - Ripped the roof of the Football Club
 - Fortunately there was no physical harm to people and no lives were taken
 - Damage is estimated at more than \$2-million

- **Karoonda Farmers**
 - 2005 season was looking desperate for farmers as they had not received any significant rain in 6 months
 - one of the worst hit regions in the 2002 drought
 - frost damage in following years
 - the rain in June was a welcome relief to the farmers but the devastating storm brought further hardship to the whole community

- **Storm recovery – clean up and repairs – has been undertaken by the:-**
 - Karoonda East Murray Council
 - removing tree
 - getting the community back to normality as quickly as possible
 - assessing what damage is repairable and what is unrepairable
 - Volunteers
 - SES
 - CFS
 - State Government
 - State Government assisted victims of the storm with a \$250,000 grant

- **Karoonda Football Club**
 - I had the pleasure of attending the official re-opening of the new Karoonda Football Club on Saturday 3rd June 2006
 - Club suffered from \$2000,000 damage
 - The Football Club is the hub of the community and the new club rooms has injected hope and spirit back into the members of the Club and the greater community
 - A particular thank you needs to be extended to David and Margie Arbon, the President and Secretary of the Football Club for all the time, effort and energy, they have invested in to fundraising for the Football Club