

## Lifesaving bonds

Every day, no matter where we live or our personal circumstances, it is vital we look after, and out for, our neighbours (Deputy Premier Carmel Tebbutt gone as poll turns nasty, March 11).

For the past nine years Neighbour Day, on the last Sunday in March, has advocated for closer relationships between local residents all year round.

Through the floods in northern NSW, Queensland and Victoria, plus TC Yasi and bushfires in Perth, we have seen how important positive relationships between neighbours are — to defend homes, protect livelihoods and save lives.

As a delegate to the recent People's Parliament it was very clear across a broad number of topics that supporting strong and resilient NSW communities first is integral to a positive social and economic future for this state.

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