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Mr TED O'BRIEN (Fairfax) (16:40): On 27 October this year, three surf lifesavers from the Maroochydoore Surf Life Saving Club were on roving patrol. They were Robin Smith, Taylah Kouvaras and Abigail Green. They spotted a motionless body on the edges of the Maroochy River. Of course, they had no time to reflect; they acted. This person was blue and motionless, so they performed CPR. Thankfully, they were also able to use a defibrillator. Again, there was no pulse. They continued to look after this person until an ambulance arrived and they were able to transport the person to the ambulance. Do you know what? He survived. It talks to the bravery and courage of our surf lifesavers. It was a delight today to attend a function here in Parliament House where these three brave people from Maroochydoore were given the National Medal. Did you know that every single day there are about 30 people across this country who survive due to surf lifesavers saving them? To them, I say a very big thank you.