



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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## Community Recognition Statement

6 August 2020

### SUPERMARKET WORKERS

**Ms Jodie Harrison (Charlestown) (17:28:59)** — Supermarket workers in the Charlestown electorate have been at the forefront of the COVID-19 pandemic since the beginning. I thank them for everything they have done for our community this year.

As people panic-bought toilet paper and pasta in the early days, it was the supermarket workers who patiently dealt with the misplaced anxieties of worried shoppers. That manifested far too often as aggression towards workers in circumstances that were out of their control.

They put themselves at risk of infection in the workplace, with no hope of maintaining social distancing in crowded supermarkets and grocery stores. With the first wave over and new clusters forming, supermarket workers will again step up and keep going to work, putting themselves at risk in order to keep our community functioning.

I thank them for their patience, perseverance and hard work.

