




Speech By
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MOTION

Business Program

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (11.19 am): I too want to acknowledge the people of Cairns and Far North Queensland in welcoming us and I convey our thanks on behalf of the LNP opposition. We have certainly been very warmly welcomed since arriving, some of us late last week and many of us on Sunday. As the Leader of the House said, we have looked forward to bringing parliament to Far North Queensland to give residents of this part of the world a taste of what parliament looks like.

What they will not get to see this week is the usual argy-bargy over the business program motion. I do not want the Leader of the House to get used to this idea. I know today the member for Miller will be devastated that he will not have the opportunity to have a chop back, potentially. However, I do not want this to be seen as reflective of the fact that we are in a beautiful tropical climate or that it is indicative of anyone's efforts to ensure that this House has robust debate. It is more reflective of the fact that, as has been outlined by the Leader of the House, there is only one bill to be debated within the time frame allocated this week. From looking at the speaking list, it appears that there will be substantial time for everyone who wants to speak on the Path to Treaty Bill to have that opportunity.

As the Leader of the House said, a short motion will be moved to acknowledge the coronation of the King. The member for Kawana has kindly offered to deputise for anyone who wants to forgo their five minutes, as he is more than happy to fill in for anyone who does not want to speak to the motion. With those few words, the opposition will not be opposing the motion before the House today.