




Speech By
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ACTING SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

Regional Sitings of Parliament, Cairns

 **Mr ACTING SPEAKER:** Honourable members, welcome back to Far North Queensland. The parliament is meeting in Cairns as another demonstration to Queenslanders that we do not only govern from Brisbane. We are a big state and this parliament wants to connect with as many Queenslanders as we can. On behalf of all of us, thank you to those traditional owners of this region and to the wider community of Far North Queensland for allowing us to gather here. Thank you also, members, for gathering here and for paying your respects to our Far North Queensland community.

This morning we were welcomed to country by traditional owner groups of this region: the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji Elders Corporation, the Yirriganydji Gurubana Aboriginal Corporation, the Djabugay Aboriginal Corporation, the Zagraeb Island Dancers and a prayer on behalf of Torres Strait Islander people delivered by Reverend Patrick Van Den Broek Amber.

Honourable members, I wish to advise that during this week additional filming and photography permissions have been granted to members of the media and other organisations. Particularly there will be filming and photography aimed to catch historic moments from this parliament, including the creation of the documentary on the Path to Treaty.