



Speech By

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## PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENTS

### Local Government, Elections; Inala and Ipswich West Electorates, By-Elections

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.31 pm): The Brisbane City Council local government elections were an overwhelming endorsement of the stability, vision and plans of Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and the LNP Brisbane City Council team. In stark contrast, the policies of the Labor-Greens coalition of chaos were overwhelmingly rejected.

Whilst the results are yet to be formally declared by the Electoral Commission of Queensland, I am proud to update the Queensland parliament that LNP councillor Greg Adermann now holds the Pullenvale Ward on a two-party preferred vote by 64 per cent to 36 per cent, representing an almost four per cent swing to the Liberal National Party. This has been achieved with an almost 12 per cent primary swing locally to the Liberal National Party. Simultaneously, the Greens vote has dropped and Labor's primary vote has collapsed to a pitiful 11.8 per cent.

If we look at the overall trends, what the Brisbane City Council elections have revealed is that Labor is haemorrhaging support to the Greens political party, whilst the LNP primary vote is remaining stable and, in fact, increasing in many areas including the western suburbs. The Greens are an existential threat to the Labor Party.

The result for Councillor Greg Adermann is well deserved and is a strong community endorsement of his hard work over the last four years. The result was a ringing endorsement of a Liberal National Party candidate and incumbent councillor who chose unity over division and who chose to present detailed and funded plans to local residents over false statements, biased columns, disingenuous editorials and empty promises presented by other local candidates and their supporters. I will certainly have more to say in the Queensland parliament in coming months.

Congratulations again to Councillor Greg Adermann and also Moggill SEC chair, Paul McMonagle, who led the LNP's Pullenvale campaign committee. I also want to acknowledge the incredible effort and result achieved by LNP councillors including Councillor Penny Wolff in the Walter Taylor Ward and Councillor Steve Toomey in The Gap ward.

Finally, we cannot talk about the 16 March 2024 elections without acknowledging the extraordinary effort and results for the Liberal National Party in both the Inala and Ipswich West state by-elections. My congratulations to the LNP's Trang Yen, who achieved a phenomenal result in Labor's safest seat in Queensland, where Labor's primary vote collapsed by over 30 per cent. My congratulations to the new state member for Ipswich West, Darren Zanow.

These results clearly demonstrate that Labor has given up on listening to Queenslanders and the priorities that matter most to them including on cost of living, the youth crime crisis, housing affordability, and the health and hospital crisis. I know that health clinicians in the emergency department of Ipswich Hospital are being let down by a Labor government which has overseen ambulance ramping hit 60 per cent at the Ipswich Hospital, with Ipswich Hospital having the worst emergency department performance in the state. In October this year it is time for Queenslanders and local residents to show Labor the door in 2024.