




Speech By
Hon. Nikki Boyd

MEMBER FOR PINE RIVERS

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 **Hon. N BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery and Minister for Corrective Services) (2.22 pm): Today, 2 May, marks the first anniversary of the death of first-class firefighter Izabella Nash. Izzy was fatally injured at a factory fire at Slacks Creek on this day a year ago. She, I understand, embodied all of the values of QFES. It is a reminder to us all of the bravery, courage and sacrifice that our firefighters make each and every day protecting our community. She was a well-respected firefighter.

This morning I had the absolute honour to join some of the QFES executive leadership team and firefighters at Kemp Place to lay a tribute in her honour. I want to place on record today our government's appreciation of her service and the ultimate sacrifice that she made keeping our community safe.

Also today Acting Commissioner Steve Smith is in Canberra with Izzy's family and loved ones. This morning he attended the Australia and New Zealand National Council for Fire and Emergency Services memorial service where Izzy's name is being put on the memorial wall. She is receiving the AFAC medallion as well. It is a lovely opportunity for her family to be part of that in Canberra today.

I also touch on happier news this morning. We woke up to the knowledge that every single household in Pine Rivers will be receiving \$1,000 off their power bill. For vulnerable people in our community it will be even more—\$1,300-plus that they will be getting back in a lump sum payment on their power bill as at 1 July. We know that for many people who are doing it really tough in our community that will mean they will not have to pay a power bill in some instances until 2025. We are really excited to see that come through.

How do we do this, Mr Deputy Speaker, I hear you ask? I will let you know. We do this through owning our energy assets. We keep them in public hands. We know that is something the LNP is opposed to. It is something that we absolutely support. We are doing it through our progressive coal royalties as well. We are not pandering to the big end of town. We are making sure that those dividends that Queenslanders should rightfully be getting are coming back through into household budgets, making sure there is relief for families with inflation, interest rates, petrol and things that are not necessarily within the state's control. We are making sure that we are not adding to inflationary pressures while we are providing cost-of-living relief to households. It is something that only a Miles Labor government can deliver.