




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Hervey Bay Fire and Rescue Service

 **Mr LEE** (Hervey Bay—LNP) (2.46 pm): I rise in strident support of our hardworking Hervey Bay fire and rescue service. During the state election, Queensland Labor pitched a misleading and deceptive story that they had 'delivered' a new Hervey Bay fire and rescue service building. I wonder what the member for Pine Rivers has to say about that. Never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

I table the following: an extract from the State Budget 2024-25 capital papers, a Labor *Delivered for you* flyer, and a copy of the former Hervey Bay Labor member's adjournment speech.

Tabled paper: Extracts from the Queensland Budget 2024-25: Budget Capital Statement—Budget Paper No. 3 [312](#).

Tabled paper: Flyer for the former member for Hervey Bay, Mr Adrian Tantari [311](#).

Tabled paper: Extract, dated 23 May 2024, from the *Record of Proceedings*, Queensland Parliament, of a speech by the former member for Hervey Bay, Mr Adrian Tantari, during the adjournment debate [310](#).

The facts are that Labor have not delivered a new fire and rescue station—an inconvenient truth for Labor. We all know Labor will inevitably take the low and predictable road and falsely claim the Crisafulli government cut the unfunded Hervey Bay fire and rescue project. The facts disclose a very different story.

In 2022, Queensland Labor announced it would build a new fire and rescue station at Hervey Bay and subsequently acquired 6,000 square metres of land in 2024. However, acquiring a block of land does not amount to building a new fire and rescue service. The facts are that this new state-of-the-art fire and rescue service station is not even identified in the 2025 capital budget papers.

The former Labor member for Hervey Bay then made express and implied pre-election representations to the Hervey Bay community to mislead the electorate into the erroneous assumption that a new Hervey Bay Fire and Rescue Station had been delivered. The former Labor member for Hervey Bay said in an adjournment speech on 23 May 2024, 'I told them we would deliver this new state-of-the-art station and that has been done.' The former Labor member for Hervey Bay may arguably have misled the House. He then distributed *Delivered for you* flyers throughout the Hervey Bay electorate, misleadingly claiming a new fire and rescue station. In desperation, the vacant site was adorned with temporary construction, fencing and banners. The desperate former member for Hervey Bay simply peddled mistruths and misinformation.

Our hardworking Hervey Bay fire and rescue service personnel deserve more than Labor's slick slogans and vacuous promises. I am deeply conscious of Kipling's 'unforgiving minute' and will fill every minute with strident advocacy on behalf of our hardworking fire and rescue personnel. Our Hervey Bay electorate deserves better.