



Speech By
Adam Baillie

MEMBER FOR TOWNSVILLE

Record of Proceedings, 26 March 2026

PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

Townsville Electorate, Olympic and Paralympic Games; Cost of Living

 **Mr BAILLIE** (Townsville—LNP) (2.36 pm): Mr Deputy Speaker—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr McDonald): One moment, member for Townsville. Order, members! Respect has been given when members on this side of the House have been speaking and I would expect the same level of respect when others are speaking.

Mr BAILLIE: It has been one year since the Crisafulli government announced our 2032 Delivery Plan, a plan that took the Brisbane 2032 games and saw them become the Queensland 2032 games, with events planned right across our great state. In Townsville we are looking forward to hosting sailing at the Strand as well as football in the stadium. Preparations are already underway, with anticipation building across my community.

The Townsville Sailing Club recently held an Olympic preview to give locals a glimpse of what they might expect in 2032. About 30 vessels joined in for the preview in favourable sailing conditions that catered for everyone from novices right through to experienced sailors. I thank the Townsville Sailing Club for putting on the event. I acknowledge the efforts of everyone at the club, the support they received from their dedicated volunteers and all those who contributed to making the day possible, including the member for Hinchinbrook, who helped spectators keep up to date as he assisted with commentary from the shore.

I am pleased to report that, despite the wet end to the event, the rain did not dampen anyone's spirits. Participants went back to the club and reflected on the day of racing. I have to say that if their enthusiasm is anything to go by then we can be assured that in 2032, when the eyes of the world are tuning in to see our beautiful part of Queensland on full display, the games will be something truly special.

While I am on my feet, I want to address something else that is very important to my community. A topic that is being raised at every kitchen table in the Townsville electorate at the moment is the cost of living. We are all feeling the pinch as fuel prices spike due to supply uncertainty. Today, I take this opportunity to place on the record and add my voice to the call for the federal government to do more to ensure we have fuel supply for all of Queensland. In North Queensland we know how critical fuel is to our daily lives. Without fuel, our farmers cannot harvest, our miners cannot mine, our tradies cannot fix things for our great community and our trucks cannot transport and deliver vital supplies. Without fuel, North Queensland grinds to a halt.

When there is uncertainty, or if you do not have enough fuel to satisfy demand, prices are driven up, and that is what we are seeing. The federal government must step up, secure reliable supply, deliver a clear plan to establish fuel security, and do the right thing for the whole country, including the great electorate of Townsville.