




Speech By
Hon. David Crisafulli

MEMBER FOR BROADWATER

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MOTION OF CONDOLENCE

Hollis, Mr RK

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (2.07 pm): I move—

1. That this House desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered to this State by the late Raymond Keith Hollis, a former member and Speaker of the Parliament of Queensland.
2. That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to the family of the deceased gentleman the above resolution, together with an expression of the sympathy and sorrow of the Members of the Parliament of Queensland, in the loss they have sustained.

Raymond Keith Hollis was born in London on 30 January 1940. He was raised in London and had a tough upbringing during and after World War II. He was raised by his mum as a single parent and spent time in an orphanage. Mr Hollis left school at 15 and worked as a farmhand before he went to sea, working as a galley boy, a cook and a steward. It was his work as a merchant seaman that led him to move to Australia in 1962. Upon arrival Mr Hollis moved to South Australia, where he worked on the railways, as a cook, as a paper mill operator and as an insurance salesman. He also spent time with the corrective services department in Victoria before moving to Queensland in the 1970s. Mr Hollis settled in Redcliffe, where he went on to own and operate a transport and distribution business.

Being interested in politics and current affairs, Mr Hollis made several unsuccessful attempts to enter parliament. He first ran for state politics in 1979, contesting the Redcliffe by-election as an Independent. Two attempts at federal politics for the Australian Democrats followed: for the federal seat of Petrie in 1983 and for the Senate in 1984. In 1986 Mr Hollis joined the Australian Labor Party. At the 1989 state election he contested the seat of Redcliffe for the ALP which he was able to win from the Liberal Party member, Terry White. During his time in this place Mr Hollis served in many roles. Most notably, he served as Speaker of this House for almost seven years from July 1998. He held the position until his resignation as a member in July 2005.

Raymond Keith Hollis passed away on 18 December 2025. He was aged 85 years. On behalf of the government I place on record our thanks to Mr Hollis for his service over many years. I extend my sympathy and that of this House to his family and friends, many of whom join us today. Vale, Ray Hollis.