



Speech By  
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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Fuel Security

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.48 am): Queensland is the most decentralised state in the country. For that reason, access to fuel is more important to us than anywhere else in the country, and we know that Queenslanders are rightly concerned about affordability and access. That is why we were the first state to call this out as an issue. All states and territories are now putting pressure on the federal government to take action and develop a plan to secure consistent access to fuel. It is a national crisis that needs a national solution.

Our request on behalf of Queenslanders is clear: we want information and fuel to flow. Like other states, we are working directly with the industry—with retailers and suppliers—to prioritise supply. The Treasurer wrote to the ACCC to raise concerns about retailers unfairly raising costs for families and businesses. We are pleased they have taken that concern seriously and are investigating reports of anti-competitive conduct. In the short term, we are ensuring information flows back to the federal government. That will help us ensure that we can help shine a spotlight on what truly is a national crisis.

Following National Cabinet last week, the federal government appointed a Fuel Supply Taskforce Coordinator. We were the first state to announce our taskforce coordinator in response. We have appointed Bob Gee as Queensland's point of contact. Bob is experienced and well respected. His work as our Cross-Border Commissioner means he is well placed to represent Queenslanders on the No. 1 challenge that is facing our nation right now. He will attend his first taskforce meeting this afternoon. Following that, he will bring together key industry figures to get feedback from the ground and then feed that back to the federal government.

In the medium term, we are continuing our work to put downward pressure on energy prices. Our Energy Roadmap outlines our plan for affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity. Our Energy Maintenance Guarantee will invest in our existing assets to put downward pressure on power prices. We have already seen positive signs. Under the latest draft default market offer from the Australian Energy Regulator, residential prices in the south-east could drop by around 10 per cent, with small business prices down by 12.8 per cent. I am today calling on the regulator to ensure this flows through to regional Queenslanders.

In the long term, our government has a plan to continue building our pipeline of resources projects to deliver energy security and economic growth for our state. By unlocking new areas for gas and petroleum exploration across the state we can lock in jobs and energy supply into the future. In the Taroom Trough our government has created the potential to open Australia's first major new oil province since the 1970s. That is the type of planning that should have been done in the last decade. Our government is delivering it.