



Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**


**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Fuel Security**

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (2.04 pm): Affordability and access to fuel are top of mind for every Australian right now. Yesterday the Commonwealth convened the first meeting of the national Fuel Supply Taskforce. This morning, less than 24 hours later, our representative, Bob Gee, convened stakeholders from the fuel industry, agriculture, business and industry groups, and freight and transport representatives. One message was very clear from all of them: we need a nationally consistent approach. We need information to flow and fuel to fill tanks in every part of our state. The Commonwealth needs to share with Australians where the fuel blockages are and what they are doing about it. As a nation we have to focus on short-, medium- and long-term ways of increasing supply, refining and storage.

We cannot continue to ignore that Australia has been at the mercy of foreign markets. Increased domestic supply protects our sovereignty, which increases our fuel security. That is why in February, before this crisis, we announced exploration in the Taroom Trough to pave the way for Australia's first major oil discovery in a generation and more. That is why we will be talking to companies about increasing their local storage options. That is why we should also be brave and admit that a nation of our size should have more than just two refineries, including the one here at Lytton. We are doing our bit in Queensland—

**Ms Boyd** interjected.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** I will take the interjection from the member for Pine Rivers, who is now a fan of the Taroom Trough. After all of these years, she has seen the light. I join with other state and territory leaders in asking for transparency and details on how this national crisis is being addressed.