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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Hanrahan, Mrs V

 **Mr DALTON** (Mackay—LNP) (2.27 pm): Today I rise to recognise a proud local who has been recently appointed to an important role in Queensland: Mrs Vivien Hanrahan, the newest member of the Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council. Vivien's appointment by the Crisafulli government is well-deserved recognition for her longstanding commitment to community inclusion and service. The Multicultural Queensland Advisory Council plays an important role in helping government understand the experiences of culturally diverse communities and ensuring policies support stronger, safer and more cohesive communities across our state. It is fitting that a regional voice from Mackay will now be part of that conversation.

Mackay is a community that continues to grow and diversify. We are proud of the many cultures that call our region home and the way they contribute to the social fabric of our city. Vivien has been a strong advocate for the Filipino community in Mackay. It is a community that continues to grow and makes an enormous contribution to our region. Vivien is also a member of Zonta and the Mackay Musical Comedy Players. She attends and is involved in her local church. At one of the largest schools in the Mackay electorate, students from the Philippines now make up 24 per cent of enrolments across all year levels, and in years 11 and 12 some 26 per cent of students are from the Philippines. That is a powerful reminder of how multicultural our regional communities have become and why having voices like Vivien's at the table matters.

Vivien brings not only cultural understanding but also local connections and a genuine passion for building bridges across communities. Her appointment ensures that regional Queensland and the diverse communities that make places such as Mackay so special are heard at state level. On behalf of the Mackay community, I congratulate Vivien on this achievement and thank her for the work she continues to do to bring people together and strengthen our community. Mackay is incredibly proud of you.