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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### ***FACING THE FALLOUT IN TOWNSVILLE***

The Townsville leg of the *Facing the Fallout* world speaking tour by the former Prime Minister of Japan Mr Naoto Kan will take place tomorrow, Thursday 28 August.

Mr Kan, who was in power in Japan at the time of the Fukushima nuclear power plant meltdown, is now a staunch opponent of the nuclear energy industry.

He is touring the world speaking to leaders and communities about the unacceptable risk of nuclear power.

Mr Kan's visit to Townsville is especially relevant given the proximity of the moth-balled Ben Lomond uranium mine to the city, and the possibility that it may be re-opened following the unanticipated reversal of uranium mining policy by the Newman government.

Mr Kan will be welcomed to Townsville by Mayor Jenny Hill and Deputy Mayor Vern Veitch. Cr Veitch recently moved a motion to confirm Townsville as a nuclear-free city, a motion that was unanimously supported by Townsville City Council.

Mr Kan will be speaking at the QCWA Hall on Denham Street in the city at 7.30pm on Thursday 28 August.

All are welcome to this free event, which is hosted by North Queensland Conservation with the support of Citizens Against Mining Ben Lomond (CAMBL).

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