Katter's Australian Party Federal Member for Kennedy



## MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Good luck to Billy the Kid. Our greatest son

KAP Leader and Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter has wished Innisfail hero, Billy Slater the best of luck in this weekend's NRL grand final.

He's hoping Slater will get a fairy tale finish to his spectacular rugby league career when the Melbourne Storm take-on the Sydney Roosters this Sunday.

Mr Katter said, "Slater is ranked up there beside Johnathan Thurston, Wally Lewis and Cam Smith as the greatest ever players to play rugby league and anyone who watched the semi finals would not hesitate for a moment to say that Slater is easily the most dominant player in the NRL.

"A heart as big as a lion's that resides in people like Billy Slater, the determination of a tiger, the athletic skills and all those rare qualities that make people winners are all on display there with Billy.

"He's not just the best fullback in Australia - he'd have to be up there with being the best fullback that's ever played the game.

"Shane Knuth and I had our photograph taken last year at the '100 years of League' dinner in Innisfail with Lionel Williamson, Kerry Boustead and Billy Slater and I thought at the time - can a man on the planet ask for more?

"If Cooper Cronk is out then they should win by 20 points but who knows? In football you can go on thinking that you're going to win and you relax and the other mob try harder so you never ever know.

"Rugby League - it is the most exciting game that has ever been invented by humans and it just grows from strength to strength."

The Member for Kennedy will be cheering for Billy on Sunday and most likely eating a bucket of Red Rooster while he watches the game.

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