



# Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

## Media Statement

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### Grandsons of two former Premiers meet at Queensland Parliament

As the Queensland Parliament's 150<sup>th</sup> year draws closer, the grandsons of two former Premiers from the opposite side of politics met up at Parliament House in Brisbane this week.

The Speaker of Parliament John Mickel hosted the visit by David Moore and William Forgan Smith, whose grandfathers served as Queensland's 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Premiers respectively, spanning the years 1929-42.

As Premier, Arthur Moore headed a Country Progressive National Party government from 1929 to 1932, while William Forgan Smith was Labor Premier from 1932 to 1942.

The Queensland Parliament marks its 150<sup>th</sup> year next year, having first met on 22 May 1860.

David Moore, 69, who lives in Cottesloe, a western suburb of Perth, commented on the parallel nature of the lengthy Parliamentary careers of Premiers Moore and Forgan Smith.

Both had entered Parliament in 1915 representing regional electorates, with Arthur Moore, the Member for Aubigny (based on the Darling Downs) retiring in 1941 while William Forgan Smith, the Member for Mackay, resigned from Parliament the following year.

Mr Moore is in the initial stages of writing a memoir on his grandfather, and took the opportunity of the visit to Parliament to source a copy of Arthur Moore's maiden speech.

William Forgan Smith, 60, who lives in the Brisbane suburb of Norman Park, said the visit and meeting with David Moore had established a new link to a direct connection with the Parliament that reached back nearly 100 years to when both their grandfathers had been first elected.

"It was good to make that link", Mr Forgan Smith said.

Mr Mickel said the Queensland Parliament was seeking to contact descendants of former Members, and in particular its inaugural Members, to help better piece together the history of the Parliament as its 150<sup>th</sup> year approached.

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Attention News Editors: See photo attached – Mr William Forgan Smith (left), Speaker John Mickel (centre) and Mr David Moore.

