



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Address of Welcome by Mr N. Bonner, AO

Hon. P. D. BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (3.45 a.m.), by leave: The official opening of the 49th Queensland Parliament included an historic address by one of this country's most respected elders. I refer to the address by Mr Neville Bonner, who welcomed the Governor and all honourable members to this Parliament on behalf of the traditional landowners of the site on which this House stands. Mr Bonner is, as honourable members are aware, also the first indigenous person to be elected to the Senate and is, therefore, also rightly regarded as an elder of the Australian nation.

As he is not a member of this House, the contribution he made before all honourable members is not automatically included in Hansard. To do so will require a formal resolution of this Parliament. It is therefore with pride that I move—

"That the speech by Mr Bonner be incorporated into the Hansard record of yesterday's official opening of the 49th Queensland Parliament."

Motion agreed to.
