



Speech by

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BAYSIDE 2000 WHAT NEXT? INITIATIVE

Mr BRISKEY (Cleveland—ALP) (10.23 a.m.): Job creation is at the centre of every decision taken by the Beattie Labor Government. I am pleased to advise the House of what the Redland community is doing to ensure that more people obtain jobs.

On Monday morning I had the great honour to launch the Bayside 2000 What Next? initiative. This initiative has grown from the desire of the bayside community to actively do something about unemployment in the district and not wait passively for assistance from others. It is a powerful initiative, not only for what it will achieve but for what it demonstrates. When community groups, Government and individuals pool their energy and resources in a coordinated way, the benefits to our community can be enormous. The Bayside 2000 What Next? initiative is one such benefit.

Redland Shire Council, the Redland Employer and Placement Service, Bridgeworks Personnel, local members of the job network system and the Tertiary Entrance Procedures Authority have worked together to develop high quality programs and resources in a very short period of time. The Redland community is indebted to the members of these organisations for their foresight, planning and hard work. I thank them sincerely on behalf of our community and the State Government.

The Bayside 2000 What Next? approach of targeting all sections of our community—students, parents, job seekers, business and Government—through an awareness campaign, backing this up with quality resources and personnel, is a unique model that will put 2,000 bayside residents in jobs by the year 2000. The Beattie Labor Government, in providing funds for Bayside 2000, recognises the hard work and initiative of our community, as well as the great gains to be made by such a worthwhile project. I personally thank Bernadette Roberts, the executive director of TEPA.

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