



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT Queensland Footy Together

Hon. P. D. BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.32 a.m.), by leave: A unique new fundraising initiative will bring together the power of three football codes to provide a helping hand to Queenslanders in need. Queensland Footy Together is a joint project of the Brisbane Broncos, the Brisbane Lions and the Queensland Reds. A little later today in the red chamber I will join the Deputy Premier and Minister for Sport, Terry Mackenroth, coaches Leigh Matthews, Wayne Bennett and Mark McBain as well as captains Gorden Tallis, Michael Voss and Daniel Herbert for the launch.

For probably the first time in Queensland sporting history the elite football teams of Brisbane have put aside any perceived rivalry to combine forces in an effort to give something back to the community that supports them. While each of these teams is already well known for their work with charity groups, this particular initiative is unique because it is designed to use the collective power of their different codes to help raise money for those in need. It is hoped that each year in the pre-season a function will be held which gives our corporate community the opportunity to mix with players from the different clubs while at the same time lending their support to worthwhile charities.

The inaugural fundraiser will be a 'salute to Queensland football' luncheon to be held next year at the Sheraton Hotel on 7 March. Attendees at this event will be able to meet their favourite players and learn some of the secrets that make our home-grown teams so successful on and off the field. I encourage the business community to support Queensland Footy Together as it is an excellent fundraising initiative with the potential to help many Queenslanders. I thank the codes, coaches and players for their commitment to this initiative.
