



Speech by

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Cruise Ship Industry

**Hon. P. D. BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.52 a.m): The provision of cruise ship industry infrastructure has been on our agenda for some time. I am pleased to report to the House today that there have been significant developments in recent weeks that move Queensland closer to becoming one of the best cruise destinations in Australia and, indeed, the world. I seek leave to incorporate the rest of my ministerial statement in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Mr Speaker I welcome news that New Lord Mayor Campbell Newman has given the green light for Brisbane's Cruise Ship terminal.

His enthusiasm and keenness to get things happening is so refreshing.

In time he will get to know that there are items for local government and others that belong in the State's realm.

That—and the minor point of it having already been announced late last year—aside I admire the new Lord Mayor's preparedness to get in and be seen to be making it happen.

Some might say that this statement is a cynical shot, but yesterday's phoney announcement is a bit like his unfunded \$4 billion tunnels plan.

He has the right ideas and, in time, I'm sure—especially for the ratepayer's sake—I hope he learns that adroit public management means a Scotsman's eye when it comes to ratepayers' money and a healthy respect for due process helps avoid damaging embarrassment.