



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Community Cabinet, Kelvin Grove Urban Village

Hon. P.D. BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.31 a.m.): Yesterday, cabinet met at the Kelvin Grove Urban Village. It was our 71st community cabinet since our election in 1998. The \$60 million creative industries precinct is a central part of the village—Brisbane's newest inner-city development. Yesterday was an excellent opportunity for cabinet to see first-hand the creativity and technology behind the \$600 million Kelvin Grove Urban Village. The village is a joint initiative of the Department of Housing and QUT, and in that regard I want to congratulate the minister, Robert Swarten, on his initiative.

Since the state government completed its \$38 million infrastructure project in November, the urban village is really taking shape. I seek leave to incorporate in *Hansard* the rest of my ministerial statement and table an information pack for all interested.

Leave granted.

The Creative Industries Precinct is up and running with events and exhibitions attracting Brisbane residents.

In short it is a purpose-built, hi-tech site, just minutes from the centre of Brisbane, where academic study, creative experimentation and commercial development can flourish.

The retail component of the Village Centre will include a full-line supermarket, as well as specialist retail shops and a streetside dining precinct.

Within 18 months, the Urban Village will take its place as a unique and dynamic destination in Brisbane—home to hundreds of new residents and a great place to visit.

The Minister for Public Works, Housing and Racing, Robert Swarten, identified the site and initiated the Kelvin Grove Urban Village concept.

It will incorporate around 800 residential units, featuring high-quality designs across a variety of styles and catering to a range of budgets and lifestyle needs.

Kelvin Grove Urban Village will cater for students through to seniors with high-quality affordable accommodation as well as premium apartments.

Housing will be delivered primarily by the private sector and there has already been keen interest from developers for the six sites released for sale.

As well as the positive response from the market to the development opportunities—we are also pleased with the commitment to the high standards of urban design and environmental sustainability.

In this Year of the Built Environment, projects like the Kelvin Grove Urban Village showcase how the Smart State is setting new standards in sustainability and urban design.

Tomorrow I will formally launch the \$60 million Kelvin Grove Creative Industries Precinct—a collaborative development between my Government, the QUT and business and most importantly a great example of what the Smart State is all about.