



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Local Government Protocol

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.43 am): On other important matters, I want to highlight that our relationship with local government is important. Today my government is strengthening our partnership with Queensland councils through the signing this afternoon of a new protocol with the Local Government Association of Queensland. The state government and local councils work hard to make Queensland a better place to live, and it makes good sense to do this in partnership.

There are many examples of what we have already achieved, including the Disaster Management Alliance, which is a joint initiative between the LGA and the Department of Emergency Services. Another example is the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water entering into agreements with 119 councils to improve the way information and data about land and properties are managed.

The new protocol will provide an even stronger framework. Under the protocol, there will be a biannual strategic meeting between me, senior government ministers, Desley Boyle, the minister for local government, and the Local Government Association of Queensland. These meetings will enable us to work more closely together for a better Queensland. This afternoon Minister Desley Boyle and I will be meeting with local council representatives to finalise the agreement.