



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Petie, Mr D; Queensland's 150-Year Celebrations

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.51 am): I am pleased to announce that Dawson Petie has been appointed Executive Chair of Queensland's 150-year celebrations. He will be responsible for overseeing the \$200 million program set up to build practical tributes to our state's 150th anniversary. I seek leave to incorporate the details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The anniversary year is 2009 and it will be a significant milestone for our great State.

To mark this historic occasion we have created a program to build new facilities such as gardens and tourist attractions in towns and shires throughout the State.

The projects will provide a boost to local economies and also provide permanent reminders of the 150th anniversary for residents and future generations to enjoy.

We are contributing \$100 million to this program and will be working with local councils asking them to match our contribution.

The money will be used to build wonderful new community facilities and infrastructure throughout the State.

The new Executive Chair will oversee the celebration planning and work closely with local councils to help implement the new program.

Dawson Petie has more than 30 years experience as a company director. Board positions held during this time include Queensland Investment Corporation, Queensland Rail and Sunsuper.

Mr Petie recently retired as General Manager Special Projects for the Queensland Investment Corporation.