



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Thuringowa Riverway Project

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.54 am): The state government has thrown its support behind the Thuringowa Riverway project with an additional commitment of \$7.8 million. In total, the Queensland government is now contributing \$15.3 million to help make the Thuringowa Riverway project a reality. The member for Thuringowa, Craig Wallace, has been very strong in his advocacy for this, and I want to acknowledge that. I seek leave to have the remainder of my ministerial statement incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The Member for Thuringowa, Craig Wallace, and the local Council have been strong advocates for the project which will create a new precinct for people in the area to live, work and play.

The \$44.9 million Thuringowa Riverway Project features:

- Riverway Cultural Centre, which includes a 380 seat flexible performance space which can also be used as a function room, an art gallery, rehearsal spaces and meeting rooms.
- Lagoon Precinct including a 4,000sqm swimming lagoon.
- QNI Eco Active Centre.
- Village spine walkway, which will host markets and festival activities.
- River walk and pontoon.
- Village boulevard and a Loam Island multi-use community facility which will principally accommodate guides, scouts and rowing and water-ski clubs.

The additional \$7.8 Million contribution will deliver a sports precinct and allow the remainder of Pioneer Park to be completed, including the pedestrian village and open space recreational areas.

This is another example of my Government working in partnership with local Councils to construct facilities which deliver significant benefits to communities right across the state.

And it is yet another demonstration of my Government's commitment to the people of Thuringowa.