



Speech by

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Mooloolaba Triathlon

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.43 am): I want to report that the 2006 Mooloolaba Triathlon was held over the weekend. Despite the best efforts of Cyclone Wati, it was a great success.

I'd like to congratulate Bevan Docherty and Annabel Luxford who were the respective Men's and Women's winners in the ITU World Cup race.

The Mooloolaba ITU Triathlon World Cup is Australia's only world cup event, and 2006 has confirmed its place on the international calendar yet again.

I'm sure that the Members for Kawana and Noosa and the Gold Coast MP's will agree when I say that we are well and truly on track towards our ultimate goal: to take our Big Three—Noosa, Mooloolaba and the Gold Coast—to the pinnacle of this great world sport in four years and make south-east Queensland the No 1 destination of the world's elite triathletes.

The 2009 ITU Triathlon World Championships, to be held here in Queensland, will be the icing on the cake.

I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of festival organiser USM Events; the International Triathlon Union; Maroochy Shire Council; and Queensland Events, through which the Queensland Government is delighted to fund the Big Three.

I thank the 600 or more volunteers who helped ensure yet another successful festival, and I'm sure all Members will join me in also congratulating the more than 4500 participants this year—a 50 per cent increase on last year.