



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Ekka

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier) (9.49 am): As many people would be aware, the Ekka kicks off today. This wonderful annual event has been running for 130 years. This morning I had the pleasure of being there briefly. The Ekka brings city and country together with a vast array of attractions and events. With the worst drought on record affecting large parts of Queensland, in particular the south-east corner, it is time for the city and country to come together.

Many here today, including the Leader of the Opposition, will join the Governor, RNA councillors and my cabinet colleagues at the showgrounds tonight for the RNA annual cabinet dinner. I put on record my appreciation for their assistance. In fact, cabinet will meet formally at a community cabinet at the exhibition grounds on Monday.