



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.47 am): I want to report to the House on the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management. I do this because I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the Queensland public sector for their commitment to delivering for the people of Queensland.

In particular, I congratulate the recipients of the 2006 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management. I initiated these awards eight years ago to encourage and reward achievement among public sector staff for their commitment to quality and excellence. Their achievements directly benefit the people of Queensland and they contribute to building a stronger, smarter state. I table a sector wide report which includes the successful winners as well as the program for the night.

Tabled paper: Copies of Sectorwide December 2006 edition.

Tabled paper: Copies of program for Premier's Awards for Excellence in Public Sector Management.

I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

This year's eight Award categories attracted 113 nominations and the calibre of entries was outstanding.

The Environmental Protection Agency received the overall Award for Excellence.

Its services and projects are growing community awareness and involvement in environmental and sustainability issues.

These awards also showcase the diversity of Government work, from initiatives that improve safety in Indigenous communities, to providing long-term water solutions, housing solutions for the homeless, and protecting Queensland's forests for future generations.

Receiving the Partnerships and Reconciliation Award was the Department of Communities for the Lockhart River Community Plan 2004-2008.

This community development plan has seen the growth of an innovative learning partnership between the Government and the community.

The Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries received the highly commended award for its Puchiwu Fishing Ltd project, which established a sustainable fishing company in the Indigenous community of Lockhart River.

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