



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Toowoomba Community Cabinet

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.46 am): This weekend my cabinet continues its great tradition of taking the government to the people when we return to Toowoomba for community cabinet on Sunday, 3 December and Monday, 4 December. It will be the third time we have had community cabinet in the Toowoomba district. This is the 98th community cabinet held by my government since it came to office. During that time my colleagues and I have had 7,571 formal deputations with members of the community and thousands more informal ones. I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Toowoomba is Queensland's largest regional city, a dynamic economic and social hub of more than 90,000 people and the gateway to the Darling Downs.

Community Cabinet will give the people of the region an opportunity to meet Ministers and have their say about matters that concern them.

We will be receiving some 126 formal deputations, and I encourage the people of Toowoomba to join us at the Toowoomba TAFE in Bridge Street on Sunday afternoon.

It's fitting the first regional Community Cabinet of this term is in the home city of recently appointed Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Kerry Shine.

He has been an outstanding Member for Toowoomba North who is now adding his wisdom and local knowledge to the Cabinet decision-making processes.