



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Black Hawk Tragedy

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (11.31 am), by leave: On behalf of all members of parliament I take this opportunity to acknowledge the tragedy that occurred overnight involving a Black Hawk collision with HMAS *Kanimbla* off Fiji. The Black Hawk was trying to land when it crashed into the deck and plunged into the sea with 10 people on board, including four crew from the Townsville based 5th Aviation Regiment and six Special Air Service troops. Tragically, one of the soldiers died. These brave men and women represent all that is good about our nation. They are at the front line protecting the very democracy that we in this House all value so highly. Today on behalf of all members I want to express our thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families.