



Speech by

# Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Brisbane CBD Emergency Plan

**Hon. PD BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.55 am): Yesterday in conjunction with the Minister for Police and Corrective Services, the lord mayor and the police commissioner, I launched the Brisbane CBD Emergency Plan, which I table for the information of the House.

*Tabled paper:* Folder containing a document, dated 16 April 2007, titled 'Brisbane CBD Emergency Plan—Version 1.0' and associated information.

I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The Plan was developed by a police led multi-agency planning team, including the Brisbane City Council; Queensland Rail; and the Departments of Premier and Cabinet, Emergency Services, Transport, Health, and Main Roads.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the development of the Plan.

The Plan provides a framework to manage a significant emergency within the Brisbane CBD.

This emergency plan does two important things:

- It means we will not have a repeat of the confusion which occurred on November 14 2005 when a transport hoax led to confusion. This plan ensures that there are clear lines of communication to ensure everyone is informed in a timely manner of an emergency—and just as importantly that they know what action they have to take to respond—whether they are the Police Commissioner or a bus driver.
- Secondly—for the first time there is a clear plan to manage a mass evacuation of the CBD. I hope and expect we will never have to use it—but it is important that people living, working or visiting the city know that there are plans in place to keep them safe should there be an incident.

For that reason it is important that we all take five minutes to read the material put together by our emergency services.

A moment's preparation now—reading the brochure or looking at the information on-line—will make the response to any incident faster and safer in the future.

No matter whether the cause of the emergency is an accident, a leak or a human based threat—as a modern city we must all be aware of evacuation strategies to protect ourselves and others.

Brisbane Secure is the first step in that process.

In a serious crisis that threatens large numbers of people—or closes down our transport system—people may have to walk out of the city to one of the Emergency Support Sites at Suncorp Stadium, South Bank, the Convention Centre or the RNA Showgrounds.

From there we will be able to provide information and co-ordinate efforts to get people home.

We will continue to update the plan as our city grows to ensure we are always ready to react quickly and respond in the event of a crisis or emergency incident in our CBD.

Information on the Plan, as well as specific details for city businesses and child care centres, is now available from the Queensland Police Service web site 'Brisbane Secure'.

The Queensland Police Service will now continue the process of educating people in the city about the Plan, and conducting training on the Plan, so that everyone can play their part.

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