



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Suncorp Queenslander of the Year Awards

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.47 am): I am delighted today to be announcing the finalists in the 2007 Suncorp Queenslander and Young Queenslander of the Year Awards. The finalists in the 2007 Suncorp Queenslander of the Year Awards are Ms Karen Bartlett, Ms Qin Cheng, Professor Ian Lowe AO, Professor Matthew Sanders and Dr David Wood AM. Finalists in the Young Queenslander of the Year category for 2007 are Mr William Barton, Ms Homa Forotan, Mr Michael Milford and Mr Lars Olsen. I am looking forward to announcing the winners as part of Queensland Week celebrations in June. I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

These prestigious awards every year recognise outstanding members of our community.

They include internationally regarded and high-profile achievers to those unsung heroes who are out there doing a great job.

They have also excelled in such a diverse range of areas and professions, from music and science to advocacy.

Queenslanders everywhere should feel very proud of what is being achieved by talented people like these in the Smart State.

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to Members to get involved in the many events on the Queensland Week program this year.