



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Queensland Roar Football Club

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.48 am): My government's three-year partnership with the A-league soccer team the Queensland Roar Football Club is about to hit the ground in a big way. As part of our joint 'Queensland Roars Against Racism' initiative, celebrities and sports stars will be coming together for a special series of events right here in Brisbane on 1 July at Suncorp Stadium. They will be competing in a celebrity curtain-raiser match, followed by a pre-season Queensland Roar kick-off against South Africa's premier league team, SuperSport United. The government will be represented by the Minister for Health, Stephen Robertson, who is the strongest soccer supporter in the cabinet. I seek leave to incorporate more details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

This anti-racism showdown is not to be missed, and it's sending out the very clear message that racism will not be tolerated in the Smart State.

Among big-names joining forces to promote this message on the day will be Cathy Freeman, William McInnes, Nick Earls, James Blundell, Rangers Stacey and Tim, Tatiana Grigorieva and Lisa Curry-Kenny.

Mr Speaker, as you know we are very fortunate here in Queensland to have a rich, multicultural outlook where cultural diversity is prized in the community and in business.

But we must continue to do all we can to prevent and address racism.

So I extend an invitation to all Members to come along to this first big event on the 'Queensland Roars Against Racism' program. Please join in and give racism the 'Red Card'.

Full details of the July 1 events are online, and tickets are available from Ticketek.