



Speech by

**Hon. PETER BEATTIE**

**MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Queensland-Europe Research Collaborations Initiative**

**Hon. PD BEATTIE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.36 am): Today I have great pleasure in announcing the establishment of the Queensland-Europe Research Collaborations Initiative. The new body will act as a forum for Queensland researchers and industry to build collaborative links with Europe in priority Smart State sectors, and I seek leave to incorporate details in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Later today I will be joining the European Union and German Ambassadors to officially launch the initiative.

Queensland researchers are already working with their European counterparts across a range of topics, from clean coal technology to medical research.

But until now there has been no formal network linking Queensland to the European research community as a whole.

The new initiative will further integrate Queensland's Smart State research capabilities with the best in Europe.

It's a great initiative and another example of our growing capabilities and reputation as a centre for cutting edge research and development.