



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Death of Mr P Charlton

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.37 am): I would like to also take this opportunity to pass on my condolences to the family and colleagues of Peter Charlton. Peter was most recently the *Courier-Mail's* national affairs editor and had a long and distinguished career in journalism. He was one of the most decent journalists I have met. He took the time to research his topic well and look at an issue from both sides. He checked his facts and was prepared to give politicians and bureaucrats a hard time if necessary. Peter also had an extensive knowledge of our nation's military history. As Kevin Rudd said: 'Peter was passionate always about the Australian Defence Force. And that always included the wellbeing of our men and women in uniform.' He was a very decent man. I want to pass on my condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. He was a fair and decent journo and it will be a very sad loss, and I record this tribute to him.