



Speech by

Hon. PETER BEATTIE

MEMBER FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Science in Parliament 2007

Hon. PD BEATTIE (Brisbane Central—ALP) (Premier and Minister for Trade) (9.52 am): I want to advise the House that Science in Parliament 2007, our annual Science in Parliament event, will take place on 8 August. I seek leave to have details incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

This year's theme is "Celebrating success in Queensland Science" and it will showcase the many success stories that have delivered real economic, environmental and social outcomes for the Smart State.

Since 2002, our annual Science in Parliament gathering has brought some of the State's leading scientists and innovators together with Members of Parliament.

It's an important opportunity, Mr Speaker, for all Members to better understand the vital role science plays in building a stronger future for Queensland and Queensland industries.

Some of the key participants this year are ABC science journalist and broadcaster Robyn Williams, Chief Scientist Professor Peter Andrews, and ScramJet innovator Dr Allan Paull.

There will be 50 high school students who will see first hand the exciting career options that await in the sciences.

Invitations are going out shortly and, Mr Speaker, I am sure you will join me in encouraging all Members and the science community to get involved in Science in Parliament 2007.

This is a valuable opportunity for Members to see how science contributes to their electorate and benefits Queenslanders.