



Speech by

**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Licences and Identity Cards

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs) (9.55 am): The biggest change to Queensland's licensing system in more than 20 years is gaining momentum as the rollout of the new Queensland driver's licence and other new cards progresses across the state. The new licence authority and proof of age cards are now available at nine locations across Queensland including Toowoomba, Spring Hill, Macgregor, Southport, Dalby, Cleveland, Harristown, Caloundra and Crows Nests police stations. Tomorrow we will be going live at Maroochydore, next week at Sherwood and then Chermshire shortly thereafter.

Since their release in November last year more than 18,000 cards have been issued. The new driver's licence means Queenslanders will have access to the most secure driver's licence system in Australia, incorporating state-of-the-art facial recognition technology to help against fraud and identity theft. These cards are embedded with a computer chip that securely stores product and personal information. They also have a number of visual security features, including a hologram, special inks, a watermark and shadowing. The security features of these new cards make them extremely difficult to duplicate or tamper with.

In addition to the new Queensland driver's licence and heavy vehicle driver's licence, a new marine licence indicator card is available for people who do not hold a driver's licence. People who drive and hold a marine licence will have their marine licence shown on the back of their driver's licence.

A new industry authority card for people such as bus and taxidrivers has further improvements over the existing permits because they can now have all of their industry authorities on one card. The 18+ Card is also being replaced with the new adult proof of age card, making it even more difficult for under-age drinkers to enter a licensed premises using fake IDs.

Queenslanders can apply for a new card when their existing licence or authority expires. Right across the state licence issuing centres, including police stations in smaller rural and remote areas, will be progressively converted to the new system over the coming months.