



Speech by


Hon. Campbell Newman

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Townsville, Community Cabinet

 **Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (2.04 pm): I am pleased to inform the House that my government will be visiting Townsville on Sunday, 1 July and Monday, 2 July for our first community cabinet meeting. As it is the second capital of Queensland, it is fitting that Townsville hosts the first LNP government community cabinet. Townsville plays an important role in our state's economy. It is home to many key Queensland industries including agriculture, tourism and mining. The cabinet's visit to the region coincides with the Townsville Show, and my ministers and I are looking forward to meeting with those people who live in Townsville as well as those who travel in to Townsville for the show.

I am wholeheartedly committed to ensuring that all Queenslanders are given the opportunity to participate in the state's future direction and growth. There is a lot of work to do to get Queensland back on track, but we cannot do it alone. That is why it is so important to listen to people from all over the state. By doing this, we are ensuring that Queenslanders once again will power this state—not politics, as we had with the Australian Labor Party.

Visiting rural and regional areas in Queensland with a cabinet will form a vital part of our plan to revitalise the regions and grow strong and sustainable communities. I encourage individuals and organisations to request a meeting with any of the ministers so that we can better understand their thoughts and needs. Information and meeting request forms will shortly be available on my website at www.thepremier.qld.gov.au.