



Speech by

# Hon. Campbell Newman


MEMBER FOR ASHGROVE

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

### Deeral, Mr E

 **Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (10.15 am): Last week honourable members would have noted with sadness the passing of Mr Eric Deeral, the first Indigenous person ever elected to the Queensland Legislative Assembly. Mr Deeral was the member for Cook from 1974 to 1977. He made a huge contribution to the advancement of Indigenous causes and was an early leader who had a positive influence on many of today's Indigenous leaders. His passing is a sad occasion that will be felt well beyond his immediate family and community of Hope Vale.

Mr Deeral's funeral is to be held at 10 am this Thursday, 13 September in Hope Vale. I can confirm that Minister Elmes and Assistant Minister Kempton will be representing the government at the funeral. In keeping with the longstanding practice of this parliament, I advise honourable members that the condolence motion for Mr Deeral will not be moved until after his funeral and it will, therefore, take place during the next sitting period. I will save my remarks for that occasion, but I do take this opportunity to extend my sympathy and that of all Queenslanders to Mr Deeral's family and friends. He will be sadly missed and the contribution he made to his people and the Queensland parliament will be long remembered.