



Speech by


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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Overseas Trade Mission

 **Hon. CKT NEWMAN** (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (2.25 pm): I am pleased to inform the House formally that I will be leading a Queensland trade and investment mission to India from 29 November 2012 to 5 December 2012, visiting the cities of Mumbai, Mundra, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Kolkata. India is already Queensland's fourth largest merchandise export destination, but its growing middle class has the potential to enhance trade even further with myriad opportunities in the construction, energy, education, tourism and mining sectors. My mission to India will specifically focus on those sectors and will provide an opportunity for me to encourage Indian government and business leaders to invest further in them.

The India trade mission will also coincide with the Australian government's OzFest initiative, which is designed to celebrate and promote Australia as a contemporary, creative and diverse nation. Therefore, the mission will convey the Queensland government's commitment to India as a trade partner and reinforce Queensland's image in India as a leading source of education and training services, mining equipment and technologies and associated services.

Trade and investment missions are an essential strategy in the government's objective of getting the Queensland economy back on track. They are invaluable in helping us maintain and strengthen Queensland's relationships and reputation in the international arena. The government will continue to pursue trade opportunities across the globe to open up new markets for Queensland business and industry.