



Speech By  
**Michael Hart**


**MEMBER FOR BURLEIGH**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Burleigh Electorate, Community Cabinet**

 **Mr HART** (Burleigh—LNP) (3.00 pm): Queensland is a great state with great opportunity, and I am very pleased to stand in this place today and inform the House that the next community cabinet will be held in my electorate of Burleigh. Burleigh is a fantastic place to live, work and raise a family, and on Sunday, 23 March I will be welcoming the Premier, government ministers, assistant ministers and their director-generals to the electorate so that my constituents and the constituents from the greater Gold Coast region can voice their concerns directly to them.

Madam Deputy Speaker, a quick look at the Premier's website will tell you that this is in fact the 17th community cabinet that this government has run in the two years since it has been elected. We are out there constantly communicating with our electorates. We are out there constantly listening to the constituents in our electorates, unlike the former government who just rammed consultation down people's throats. They did not understand what consultation was in any fashion whatsoever—no fashion whatsoever.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mrs Cunningham): Order!

**Mr HART:** We are actually listening to the people in my electorate, and that is exactly why the Premier and his cabinet are coming to my electorate. We have a number of issues that are very dear to my heart and we will be talking to the people in the area about those particular things.

**Mrs Miller:** What about the quarry?

**Mr HART:** Listen up, member for South Brisbane. Consultation—I know you do not know much about it, but it is consultation. Forms are available for anybody who would like to come along to that consultation. They are available from my office, they are available from the Gold Coast City Council office in Bundall and they are available online from the government's website. I encourage people to fill those out and get along to the community cabinet on the 23rd.

As the member for Burleigh, I am truly committed to listening to the community and preserving our unique culture. In addition to my regular mobile offices and listening booths—yes, listening booths where I get out there and I listen to the electorate; I know those opposite do not understand that, but I listen to the electorate—this community cabinet will provide an invaluable opportunity to the people of Burleigh and the Gold Coast.

The people of Burleigh are well aware that my door is always open and, if I am not at a P&C meeting or a Rotary meeting, I am proactively engaging the community through forums and events. This government is about consultation and this community cabinet opens the door directly to the decision makers. I am sure we will have an outstanding result from the community supporting this event, and I look forward to furthering Burleigh's interests in this place.