




Speech By
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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (2.11 pm): I said that I would be a Premier for the whole of Queensland. To make that happen, my government and my cabinet needs to be out and about across the state as often as we can. That is why I am delighted to report to the House that my government will hold its fourth two-day community cabinet meeting in Bundaberg on 18 and 19 October. I know that this will impress the member for Bundaberg, who has been advocating with me to hold this community cabinet in her electorate for a considerable amount of time.

This government is committed to supporting the Wide Bay region. A community cabinet in this very important part of Queensland will provide an opportunity for locals to sit down face to face with ministers and heads of government departments to discuss the issues important to them. They can also ask me questions!

The Wide Bay region is vital to our state's economy, particularly around agriculture and tourism, as the southern gateway for Great Barrier Reef tourism. I travelled there as opposition leader, it was the first regional Queensland town I visited as Premier, and I look forward to returning. I am particularly looking forward to discussing with the local community how my government can support business and industry in this dynamic region.

A public forum will be held in Bundaberg on Sunday, 18 October starting at 1 pm at the Bundaberg Civic Centre. This will be immediately followed by formal deputations, which will be taken by ministers and directors-general of government departments in the civic centre from 2.15 to 4.30. I encourage community members, organisations and businesses to come along and have their say by participating in the open forum or by arranging a formal deputation with me or any of my cabinet colleagues.