




Speech By
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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (2.07 pm): My government's next community cabinet meeting will be held at the Gold Coast on 15 and 16 May. This is an opportunity for my government to meet with local business owners, families and workers to discuss our plan to create jobs for Queenslanders.

My government is committed to revitalising community cabinet meetings, making cabinet more accessible to the public. It is for this reason that we reinstated community participation through this public forum. All community cabinet meetings hosted by my government include a public forum where members of the public can ask questions directly to me or my ministers. The public forum at the Gold Coast will be held on Sunday, 15 May starting at 1.30 at Southport State High School. This will be immediately followed by formal deputations, which will be taken by ministers and directors-general of government departments in the school's hall from 2.30 to 4.30.

The program for two-day community cabinet meetings now also includes more time for local community engagement. I will be hosting a women's business breakfast with Minister Enoch on the Monday morning, 16 May. It will be an opportunity for my ministers to meet with local stakeholder groups, community organisations and business leaders to discuss issues that are important to them. The formal cabinet meeting, which has traditionally been held on the Monday morning, will start later in the day.

The Gold Coast is growing strongly. As a government, we are contributing to the growth in jobs and opportunity on the Gold Coast. We are building or upgrading 17 world-class facilities for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, making this area a powerhouse that will inject \$2 billion into the Queensland economy and support more than 30,000 jobs. The \$320 million investment into sport and community infrastructure alone will support more than 1,000 jobs during design and construction, as well as leaving a lasting legacy for the coast. Today I had the opportunity to meet Borobi here at Parliament House. He is a great mascot for what will be a great games. It was good to be part of a government that won the games and now to be Premier of a government that will deliver them. This is on top of the 1,000 jobs supported during the construction of stage 2 of the Gold Coast Light Rail. The community cabinet meeting will be an important opportunity for my government to further our work on the Gold Coast and create new jobs and new opportunities.