



Speech By  
**Hon. Curtis Pitt**


**MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE**

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**National Rugby League**

 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Sport) (9.46 am): Over the weekend I am sure many got up early to watch the Brisbane Broncos' big win over Wigan on Sunday morning, followed by the Cowboys winning the World Club Challenge by thrashing Leeds early yesterday morning our time. As the Minister for Sport, a proud North Queenslander and a 20-year 'Cows' supporter, it was fantastic to see the Cowboys crowned the best team in the world. It caps a great 12 months for the Cowboys, and I was proud to be on hand to watch them win their first NRL title last year. They are definitely at the top of their game, and I am sure that all members of this House will join me in congratulating them and agree that all Queenslanders are proud of their achievements.

There is more exciting news ahead, with a double-header event on 14 May at Suncorp Stadium which will see the Broncos playing Manly and reigning premiers the North Queensland Cowboys up against the Melbourne Storm—double the excitement, double the value and double the fun! No other venue creates an atmosphere like Suncorp Stadium, which is by far the best Rugby League ground in Australia, if not the world.