




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Wotton and Ors v the State of Queensland and Anor

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (10.02 am): I would like to update the House about a matter of significant litigation: Wotton and Ors v the State of Queensland and Anor. The matter has been ongoing in the Federal Court since the application was first made in August 2013. Justice Mortimer brought down the decision on 5 December last year. On advice, the state lodged an appeal before the expiry of the appeal period. Having received a further considered legal advice about the state's prospects of success on appeal, the state is withdrawing the appeal to the full Federal Court. I note that there are continuing matters still being resolved by the trial judge and those matters will continue before the court.