




Speech By
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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (9.44 am): Today is historic. After 250 days, Queensland's borders are open again to most of the nation. This has been a marathon community safety effort, especially by our police and emergency service personnel. At one o'clock this morning police shut down their border checkpoints.

Our police and emergency service personnel, including our Queensland Fire and Emergency Services officers and volunteers and staff from the Department of Transport and Main Roads, have been working hard to keep all Queenslanders safe by maintaining these strong border controls. The results speak for themselves: Queensland has had no community transmission for months. That is largely because of the work police and other agencies have done at our borders, at our airports and in our quarantine hotels. Mr Speaker, you do not have to look far to see what happens when you get any of those things wrong. The work of our police and other agencies has been supported wonderfully by the people of Queensland.

Queenslanders have done the right thing. Now, because of everyone's good work, we are open again. Once again, the wonders of Queensland are open for all to enjoy, with the exception for the moment of people from South Australia. I am sure that in due course they will be welcomed back as well.