




Speech By
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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Olympics) (9.39 am): As I announced last sitting, the entire cabinet is heading to the Torres Strait next week. I want to thank the member for Cook for lobbying the cabinet to visit this very special part of Queensland. It is the first time a state government cabinet has met there in 11 years. Ministers will start travelling up over the weekend and begin engaging with the community as soon as they can. I will meet with councils and mayors as well as inspect the \$46 million Thursday Island Hospital redevelopment—an important investment from my government which is supporting around 50 jobs.

The cabinet will hold deputations for any issues the community would like to raise. We will also hold a traditional community reception at the cultural centre. I am excited to see the students at Tagai State College on Tuesday with Minister Grace and also our investment there. I understand some students will go through the Youfor2032 training to see if they are on the starting line for the Olympic and Paralympic Games. I will also visit the cape for a significant land handback ceremony and my ministers will travel over the rest of the Torres Strait during the week. We are looking forward to travelling up to the Torres Strait. It is very important to engage across Queensland. I am grateful that the ministers will be attending this significant event for the member for Cook.