




Speech By
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SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

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 **Mr ACTING SPEAKER:** Honourable members, hola! That is the Latin American and Spanish word for 'hello'. Today the Queensland parliament has the immense privilege of hosting the 2023 Hola Networking Expo. This evening in the Premiers' and Speakers' Halls over 300 participants will attend a significant engagement and trade event being co-hosted by the member for Clayfield and me, as the chairs of the Queensland Parliamentary Friends of Latin America. We will be joined by the ambassadors of Ecuador, Cuba, Chile and Peru. Over 20 business stalls will be held to provide opportunities for local organisations interested in engaging on matters such as skilled migration, partnering and customer opportunities. I encourage all members to attend and show their support for this growing cultural and trade relationship. In my experience, the development of personal connections is the best way to build lasting relationships between our regions.