




Speech By
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SPEAKER'S STATEMENT

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 **Mr SPEAKER:** Honourable members, this sitting week we are showcasing two more artworks from Queensland parliament's Regional Council Collection assembled in 1979 to celebrate the completion of the Parliamentary Annexe. The first piece is *Resting* by Rex Backhaus-Smith, an artist well known for his unique portrayals of the Australian outback. The work was donated by the Cambooya shire council, which in 2008 was amalgamated with seven other councils to form the Toowoomba Regional Council.

The second piece is *Wheat* by Winifred Ash. Largely self-taught, Winifred began painting in oils in 1963, before studying with the Australian Flying Art School, and her works are represented as far away as California. This artwork was donated by the Waggamba shire council, which at the time was Queensland's largest producer of wheat. In 2007, the shire of Waggamba merged with the shire of Inglewood and the town of Goondiwindi to form the Goondiwindi Regional Council. Next sitting week, we will feature two more artworks, continuing to highlight regional communities represented in this chamber.