



# Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

## Media Statement

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### FIRST LIVE BROADCAST OF THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Queenslanders will be able to watch the upcoming Opening of their Parliament live for the first time since the Parliament first sat in 1860.

Queensland's 53<sup>rd</sup> Parliament will be officially opened on Tuesday, 21 April 2009 following the election that was held on 21 March.

These proceedings will be broadcast live for the first time on the Queensland Parliament's internet site - <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au>

Speaker Mike Reynolds said that this would allow Queenslanders from across the state greater access to their Parliament's Opening proceedings than ever before.

"The Opening of each new Parliament is always a historic occasion for the state, but this is the first time that Queenslanders will be able to watch the Opening of Parliament proceedings live online", Mr Reynolds said.

"As Queensland celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I encourage the people of Queensland to watch this live broadcast and observe their new Parliament in action," Mr Reynolds said.

Mr Reynolds said that the upcoming Opening Proceedings of the Queensland's 53<sup>rd</sup> Parliament would include the swearing in of all 89 Members and the election of a new Speaker.

"The newly elected Speaker will then be taken to Government House to be presented to the Governor, Her Excellency, Ms Penelope Wensley AO.

"Following this, the Governor will travel to Parliament House where she will officially open the 53<sup>rd</sup> Parliament in the Legislative Council Chamber.

"It is tradition that the Governor's Opening Speech to the Parliament outlines the priorities and objectives of the government over the course of this Parliament," Mr Reynolds said.

"This historic event will be of great interest to many Queenslanders and I urge people to take the opportunity to watch these proceedings live on the Parliament's web site - <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au>," Mr Reynolds said.

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