



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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Speaker highlights essential role and contribution of science to community

Speaker John Mickel has congratulated participants in today's Science in Parliament event.

Mr Mickel said that Science in Parliament was a vital educational bridge between Queensland's scientific community and Members of Parliament.

"Science in Parliament is a time for us to celebrate the vital role that science, technology and innovation play not just in driving our growing knowledge economy, but also in ensuring a healthier population and a more environmentally sustainable future for all Queenslanders," Mr Mickel said.

"On behalf of all Members of Parliament, I congratulate members of the scientific community for participating in Science in Parliament and helping us to gain a greater understanding of their role," Mr Mickel said.

"I thank you for playing your part in helping Members of Parliament appreciate just how essential science and innovation are in not just making our lives easier, but in also achieving our State's economic, social and environmental goals," Mr Mickel said.

Mr Mickel said that Queensland was the first state in Australia to recognise the importance of bringing Members of Parliament and the scientific community face-to-face regularly to interact.

"Since 2002, Science in Parliament has proven to be an extremely valuable program and an important event in the Parliament's calendar," Mr Mickel said.

"Science is such an abstract concept to most of us that it's easy to forget that it literally underpins every aspect of our lives," Mr Mickel said.

Mr Mickel acknowledged this year's Smart State Fellows and PhD scholars before officially closing Science in Parliament 2009.

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