QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT SUPPORTS EARTH HOUR

The Queensland Parliament will participate in Earth Hour on Saturday night.

Speaker John Mickel said that 2010 would be the third year in which the Parliament had joined with Queenslanders in switching their lights off as part of Earth Hour.

“The external lights at Parliament House will be turned off at 8.30pm and all non-essential internal lighting will also be switched off,” Mr Mickel said.

Mr Mickel said that Earth Hour was about raising awareness of climate change issues.

“Climate change has the potential to negatively impact on our economy and the way of life that Queenslanders hold dear.

“So it is entirely appropriate for the parliament of this state to participate in Earth Hour and focus the attention of Queenslanders on the choices that we will all have to make in dealing with the challenges of climate change,” Mr Mickel said.