



# Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

## Media Statement

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### ***The Ayes Have It* traces Parliament's history during key 32 years**

Speaker John Mickel today launched a new book that provides a detailed account of a key period of the Queensland Parliament's history.

Titled *The Ayes Have It - The History of the Queensland Parliament 1957-89*, the book has been published as part of the parliament's 150th anniversary celebrations.

Mr Mickel said the book was a fascinating account of the Queensland Parliament during three decades of sometimes high-drama politics.

"Beginning in the late 1950s, the book examines in detail the Queensland Parliament from the days of the 'Labor split' of 1957, through to the conservative governments of Premiers Nicklin, Bjelke-Petersen and Ahern, and ending with the fall of the National Party's government led briefly by Russell Cooper in December 1989.

"Focusing on parliamentary politics, the book discusses the representatives who were Members of Parliament during this time. It explores their personalities, priorities and political agendas as well as the many and varied controversies.

"I hope that this book will shed some new light on this significant period of our history and motivate new discussions on what occurred during those 32 years.

"It is very important that the Parliament's history is documented in books like this and I would like to thank and congratulate the authors John Wanna and Tracey Arklay for their efforts to bring this project to fruition," Mr Mickel said.

*The Ayes Have It - The History of the Queensland Parliament 1957-89* is published by ANU E Press

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