

*"On Stage with the Premier"*  
*Luncheon - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008*

REDC's inaugural Leadership Forum was well attended by representatives of the region's industry and government sectors. 102 people gathered on stage at the Mackay Entertainment Centre to hear Queensland Premier Anna Bligh speak on the future of regional Queensland. Questions answered by the Premier related to:

- Government plans for the region, including our link with Northern Economic Triangle (NET)
- The idea of masterplanning the region for growth
- Potential for review of the 100 hectare subdivision rule (good quality agricultural land)
- Government initiatives to attract skilled migrants
- Plans for coastal shipping to take freight off roads
- How to improve regional advocacy efforts



The event was chaired by Darryl Camilleri and Cr Julie Boyd (as Mayor) welcomed the Premier. The Hon Tim Mulherin MP (Member for Mackay) moved a vote of thanks.

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