

SPEECH FOR OPENING OF CECILIA STREET OFFICE  
- 1 JULY, 2005

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Welcome to everyone present on this rainy day in the sunniest part of Tasmania. It is a thrill for me to be opening a political office here in St Helens. I would like to begin by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land we are meeting on today and their culture and traditions.

I especially welcome the Deputy Premier of Tasmania, Minister for Health and Human Services, Police and Public Safety, David Llewellyn who is standing in for Premier Paul Lennon. Paul and his entourage could not get into the airport . It is wonderful to see you here today and I do appreciate the effort you have made to be here.

Welcome also, Federal Member for Lyons, Dick Adams MHR, Mayor of Break O'Day, Stephen Salter, Deputy Mayor, Margaret Osborne (OAM), Councilors, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

Who would have thought that we could open up a fully functional office in the electorate so quickly .. ....yes, we even have biscuits in the tall container. Geoff has overseen the setting up of the office with his dogged determination to make things happen. According to some bureaucrats who should know, there has never been a political office established so quickly.....and we do have ADSL.

Thanks need to go to many people for their part in making this possible. The Department of Premier and Cabinet has been most co-operative and helpful in carrying out all sorts of tasks. Thanks also to Dee Alty for her assistance with Telstra. Noel Hunt from Telstra Countrywide has been patient and helpful, doing his best to meet the demands of that darned office in St Helens. Many local people have helped to turn the office from a concept to reality, whether friends, neighbors, post office, council or clergy. The support and encouragement we have received has been outstanding. I am very grateful to all of you.

To Premier, Paul Lennon, my thanks for allowing me the privilege of an office in the Electorate. I intend for it to be a busy centre that hums. I endeavour to work hard to represent all of you... ..

At the conclusion of the formalities...there will be a country style morning tea up at the Anglican church Hall where they have a fire going.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ..... DAVID LLEWELLYN