

PREMIER FOCUS



Premier Anna Bligh recognised Beenleigh and the northern Gold Coast as hotbeds for growth.



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Beenleigh region place to be for growth: Bligh

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PREMIER Anna Bligh has described the Beenleigh and surrounding region as the "best place to be" in terms of future growth and opportunities.

She said the growth corridor was where things would happen in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, and consumer and investor confidence was returning to the region.

As guest speaker of Friday's Beenleigh-Yatala Chamber of Commerce business breakfast, Ms Bligh said there was no doubt it had been a tough time for businesses crawling out of the global financial crisis, and the state hit with major natural disasters.

"I look at this region and think of where it will be next year and in the years beyond," she said.

"We'll see the development of two super cities with Yarrabilba and Greater Flag-

HOT TOPICS

Issues posed to Anna Bligh:

- Will Logan City Council be responsible for Allconnex costs?
- Infrastructure charges for builders being too high
- Will the Games mean a new sporting facility for Beenleigh?
- What the government was doing to ease expenses for small businesses

SNAPSHOT

was winning the Commonwealth Games bid, and this is just one thing that will boost tourism and investor confidence."

She said the Games would produce a lot of activity and need over the next five years not only in construction, but in goods and services, materials, uniforms, employment and more.

"We want to say that these are our local Games and to use businesses who come from as close to the Games as possible," she said.

Chamber President Lawrie Dore said he was able to highlight several issues his members had been facing with Ms Bligh's attendance at the breakfast.

"We wanted to bring to the Government's attention that we represent 220 businesses down here and highlight problems our businesses are facing in their day-to-day conduct," he said.

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stone. This will drive population growth and these areas will create demand for goods and services and construction."

She said the Beenleigh and Yatala region was a growth corridor for population and manufacturing.

"This area services what's happening in Brisbane and the Gold Coast," she said. "The best way to end 2011

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