

## **LDS Youth Praised in Parliament**

By Christopher Cooper

Ms Annastacia Palaszczuk, the ALP member for Inala, recently gave a speech in Queensland State Parliament, where she publicly named and praised the Church for their efforts and success with the youth.

The parliamentary report of the First Session of the Fifty-second Parliament of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2007 reports – “This week is National Youth Week. It is a time when we can recognise the achievements and aspirations of our young people.

Last Saturday I had the honour of being invited to address the state conference of young people who are members of the Church of Latter-day Saints... I would like to congratulate the organisers of the church who organised a state youth conference for over 1,200 young people. The Church of Latter-day Saints brought together young people from all around Queensland, from as far north as Cairns.



Ms Annastacia Palaszczuk, ALP member for Inala, and friend of the Church

“At the conference, I addressed the young people on three main issues: firstly, climate change; secondly, youth engagement; and thirdly, community service. The young people were very interested in my comments about climate change... In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to the work of the Church of Latter-day Saints and their strength in bringing together so many young people from throughout Queensland for this remarkable three-day conference.”