

WELCOME TO MS CHERIE BOOTH QC  
CLOSING OF HUMAN RIGHTS EXHIBITION  
SUPREME COURTHOUSE  
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**CHIEF JUSTICE'S REMARKS**

Your Honours, ladies and gentlemen,  
We were, last year, generally disappointed, I think, we Brisbane-ites, to “lose”  
CHOGM; and in the court, we sensed we had lost an exotic consequence:  
Cherie Booth’s promised visit to our very own courthouse.

Well, with the resuscitation of the meeting, at Coolum, Cherie has most  
graciously allayed that disappointment!

Our daily fare in this place engenders human passions at the edge: the elation of  
success, and the anguish of loss – or incarceration; tempered nevertheless, we  
hope, by a feeling of fairness in treatment. We have been trying in various ways  
to divert our clients from those extremes, and our many visitors. And your  
presence, Cherie, assists us immeasurably in that.

Thank you for agreeing to acknowledge an exhibition which I believe would be  
dear to your heart; and so close, also, to the core significant business of  
CHOGM.

Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, and thank you for your presence – especially,  
and necessarily as things have developed, at such very short notice.

I am very pleased, now, to invite Cherie to address us, and formally to close the  
exhibition.