



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ICCI HOSTS GALA DINNER TO CELEBRATE THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY**

#### **Ambassador of Italy and Political Leaders to attend as Special Guests**

Commendatore the Hon Santo Santoro, President of ICCI (Qld) cordially invites all members of the Italian community and Italian organizations throughout Queensland to attend the ICCI (Qld) Gala Dinner, convened to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Unification of Italy.

The Dinner, to be held on *Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011*, is already shaping up as one of the most prestigious events in Queensland's social calendar, with the Italian Ambassador to Australia attending as the very special guest.

Many of Queensland's political leaders have confirmed their attendance, including The Hon. Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Queensland Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs, The Hon Teresa Gambaro MP, Member for Brisbane and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, Deputy Lord Mayor Adrian Schinner and Mrs Nina Schinner and the Federal Shadow Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis.

"We hope to also have the Premier attend the drinks prior to the formal sit down dinner and other political invitees of Italian origin, as well as other political leaders, who I am sure, will soon be indicating their attendance," Santo Santoro said.

"So, it promises to be a spectacular night with much pomp, tradition and of course, great Italian culture and hospitality on display, to be enjoyed by all in attendance."

"The Board of the Chamber would greatly appreciate your attendance – and that of your family and friends – at this special dinner and your continuing support of the Chamber."

Further details of the dinner can be obtained directly from Santo Santoro on (07) 3262 4266 or by contacting the Chamber's Secretary General, Federica Odorisio and the hard working team at the Chamber on (07) 3392 2499.

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