



Speech by

## Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe

MEMBER FOR STAFFORD

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### MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

#### Wyaralong Dam

**Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.43 am): I am pleased to report that work on the Wyaralong Dam project near Beaudesert is on track, with construction on the dam wall now well underway. The majority of the dam's foundations have been dug to prepare for the 500-metre dam wall. Work is also well advanced on the excavation of 220,000 cubic metres of rock from an on-site quarry to produce the roller compacted concrete which will be used to form the dam wall.

This project will deliver water security and jobs. Once complete, Wyaralong Dam, in conjunction with the nearby Cedar Grove Weir, will supply 21,000 million litres of water every year—enough water for close to 300,000 people. It will also create 420 jobs. This is part of the state government's record \$18.2 billion building program, which is expected to secure 127,000 local jobs throughout the state in this financial year alone.

During construction of the Beaudesert-Boonah Road realignment 140 people were employed, 80 of whom were from the region. A total of 52 local businesses have been involved in the project so far. On Sunday, more than 500 local runners and walkers set foot on the road realignment for the first time to take part in a charity fun run which raised more than \$13,000 for the Cancer Council Queensland.

The realignment, which is expected to open to traffic next month, will improve travel times between Boonah and Beaudesert and increase safety for the 1,600 motorists that use the road each day. This important project, which continues to highlight the importance of local jobs in our program, also highlights the Bligh government's commitment to generating jobs while building the important infrastructure for tomorrow's Queensland.