



Speech by


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 **Hon. JW SEENEY** (Callide—LNP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.44 am): In eight short months the LNP government has worked hard to get this great state with great opportunities back on track. From the Southport Broadwater to Trinity Inlet, from the Mary Valley to the Fitzroy catchment, from the Surat Basin to the city, we have taken decisions to grow the business of Queensland, to create the jobs and build the economy for our future prosperity and future generations of Queenslanders. We have fulfilled our 100-day action plan and we are now on our way to achieving the targets we have set for our six-month plan. We have plotted a new course for state planning policies to simplify and clarify the state's interests in Queensland's planning and development framework. Our appointment of an Assistant Minister for Planning Reform, Ian Walker, is guiding reform of the Sustainable Planning Act to make it the most cost-efficient planning framework in the country.

We have also established regional planning committees and undertaken community consultation for the Darling Downs and Central Queensland and Cape York statutory regional plans. The setting up of the GasFields Commission as a statutory body was the key outcome from the 100-day action plan and has provided an avenue for the successful coexistence between agriculture and the resources sector.

We are working to end the travesty of the Traveston Dam with the Mary Valley economic development strategy. We brought common sense to the development of the coalmining industry in the Galilee Basin and ended the totally unrealistic expansion plans for the port of Abbot Point. We have released the draft Great Barrier Reef ports strategy and we have proposed a well accepted solution to water quality issues in the Fitzroy River catchment.

The Resources Cabinet Committee is soon to provide its 100-day report to cabinet on how to ensure that our mining industry is able to operate and grow unshackled by the unnecessary red tape and inefficient, constraining regulation. Soon the regional communities that host or service the resource industries will get their first share of the mining bounty under this government's Royalties for the Regions program. Country towns and country people will finally get their share of the royalties that are paid to this state.

We are guaranteeing our future economic prosperity. Last week, the Coordinator-General approved the Ella Bay integrated resort project—the state's biggest ever tourism development. It is just one of more than 30 major projects that are under active assessment with the potential to attract \$78 billion of investment, create more than 40,000 construction jobs and 20,000 ongoing operational jobs. Today, we are extending those opportunities to often overlooked Indigenous communities on Cape York. Today, we will open the expressions of interest process for the development rights to the Aurukun bauxite resource. We are going to the open market to find proponents with the capability, the capacity and the experience to develop a bauxite mine and the associated infrastructure to the benefit of the people of Aurukun. Our decision has the backing of the Aurukun community and the backing of the traditional owners and has drawn strong corporate interest from Australia and overseas. It will provide the people of Aurukun and

nearby communities with the chance to have a real job, to own a real home, to participate in the real economy in a very real way. That is the future all Queenslanders can look forward to under this government—a bright future in a great state with great opportunity.