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World Science Festival



Hon. A PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.36 am): If anyone were searching for an excuse to come to Queensland, I am pleased to remind the House that the Queensland Museum will host the World Science Festival in Brisbane in March next year. This is an exclusive agreement with the World Science Festival in New York, which is one of the world's most exciting, prestigious and innovative science events. Brisbane is now the only other city in the world with rights to this amazing event. This is a chance to showcase Queensland's latest innovations and scientific discoveries—work that is having a global impact.

The World Science Festival Brisbane will also include some of the best programming and biggest names from the New York event. I look forward to revealing the finalised guest list later this year. Many people are already aware that Alan Alda of *M*A*S*H* and *West Wing* fame will be here at the World Science Festival as a World Science Festival board member. Supported by the Queensland government, the inaugural World Science Festival Brisbane will take science out of the laboratory and into the streets, parks, museums, galleries and performing arts venues of Brisbane and regional Queensland.

As tourism and major events minister Kate Jones said last week, exclusive events such as this are a real drawcard for visitors. The 2016 World Science Festival in Brisbane is expected to attract more than 27,000 direct visitor nights and contribute significantly to Queensland's economy. Hosting this festival reinforces our reputation as a premier event destination, which helps tourism grow and means more jobs for Queenslanders.