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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.41 am): Last week I had the opportunity to join with the president of CNOOC, the CEO of BG Group, the managing director of QGC, the Minister for State Development, the member for Gladstone, the Mayor of Gladstone and the federal minister for industry to celebrate the momentous occasion of commercial operations from the first production train at the QCLNG plant on Curtis Island. During the last sitting of parliament I told the House that I would be in Gladstone to see the first QGC ship leave with LNG. What I should have said, as later advised at the event, was that the first QCLNG production was in December, the first ship left in January and that I was attending the official dedication of the start of commercial operations from the first production train of the QCLNG plant. This event marked the handover of the first production train from construction contractor Bechtel.

The scale of the operations and the engineering excellence of the infrastructure on Curtis Island are almost overwhelming to behold. There is no doubt that the establishment of the LNG export industry in Queensland is a generational achievement. The seamless cooperation between companies and individuals from all around the world to make the QCLNG project a reality is truly remarkable. As the CEO of BG Group said at the event, this project was made possible by the former Labor government having a vision for the future. As the company has reported, the QCLNG project, valued at around \$20.4 billion, supported 14,500 jobs at its construction peak. Without a vision from government and a blueprint for an LNG export industry in Queensland, the scale of investment would not have been possible.

The LNG industry will continue to support thousands of ongoing jobs in Queensland according to a report by Energy Skills Queensland. The QCLNG plant alone is expected to reach eight million tonnes a year in exports during 2016. This will see around 120 shipments a year to our trading partners, including China, Japan, Singapore, India and Chile. Gas-fired power is set to play a growing part in meeting global energy demands. Once all three LNG producers are fully operational, it is estimated they will produce 25 million tonnes of LNG each year for export. That means hundreds of millions of dollars a year in royalties for Queenslanders and that means hundreds of millions of dollars for schools, hospitals and other essential services. My government is focused on unlocking further new industries and investment opportunities for our state of Queensland.