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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (2.10 pm): Queensland's vibrant arts community continues to capture international attention. That is not only confined to our burgeoning film industry. I am proud to inform members that the new artistic leader for the Queensland Symphony Orchestra is internationally acclaimed conductor Ms Alondra de la Parra, who will join the orchestra in the newly created role of music director.

Ms de la Parra is one of the most compelling conductors of her generation and has worked with leading orchestras in the US and Europe. Her appointment is a significant coup for Queensland. Ms de la Parra has already proven her popularity with the orchestra and with Queensland audiences when she performed with the QSO to standing ovations earlier this year. She will return in 2016 to open the QSO concert season, officially commencing her three-year partnership with the QSO in 2017, a year which also marks the orchestra's 70th anniversary.

Ms de la Parra will be certain to push the orchestra's boundaries on a global front to take the company to new and even greater artistic heights while showcasing Queensland on an international level. I am looking forward to the energy and experience Ms de la Parra will bring to our internationally renowned orchestra as it sets a new artistic benchmark and continues to spread the joy of music throughout the state.