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Skilling Queenslanders for Work

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (5.16 pm): Last week, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills announced the first round of successful projects under the reinstated Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative. I am proud to report that within my electorate of Woodridge 18 projects delivered through eight organisations received funding to the tune of \$2.6 million. This will create approximately 660 jobs for our local region.

This is a big win for the people of Woodridge. Woodridge has come out on top and is receiving the largest injection of funds in this first round. These projects will deliver more training and more jobs for local people. Before the election I promised to work for education, training and jobs and to boost employment in Logan. I am delivering on that promise.

This initiative puts communities in the driving seat through a partnership with government to grow local employment opportunities, encourage greater social inclusion and assist people needing extra support to enter the workforce. The successful projects are specifically tailored local programs that support young people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability, mature age jobseekers, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and long-term unemployed people to find a path into work. Training will occur throughout a range of areas including hospitality, construction, logistics, business, conservation, community services, education and disability services.

Access Community Services, under the leadership of CEO Gail Kerr, will undertake five projects that will provide jobs and training in the areas of hospitality, tourism, business administration, conservation and land management and construction for 221 local people. BoysTown, under CEO Tracy Adams, will receive funding to undertake five projects that will provide jobs and training in construction, community services, disability services, early childhood and warehousing operations for 130 local people.

Civic Solutions, led by president Les Macdonald, will receive funding to undertake two projects that will provide jobs and training for 75 local people in the industries of early childhood, hospitality and logistics. The Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association will receive funding to undertake two projects at Logan and Crestmead that will provide jobs and training in the community services and aged-care sectors for 88 local people.

Blueprint Employment & Training, under operations manager Angie Rue, will receive funding to undertake one project that will provide jobs and training in warehousing operations and logistics for 50 local people. The Kingston East Neighbourhood Group, under manager, Kim Wright, will receive funding

to undertake one project that will provide jobs and training in business, hospitality, logistics and aged care for 56 local people.

YFS, led by CEO Cath Bartolo, will receive funding to undertake a project that will provide jobs and training in youth justice for 20 local people. Lastly, the Maxima Group will receive funding to undertake one project that will provide jobs and training in business, construction and conservation and land management for 15 local people.

I am proud to be part of a government that is delivering such a broad range of training initiatives that will help hundreds of local people in the Woodridge electorate into work and provide them with the skills for the jobs of today and the jobs of tomorrow.