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Advance Queensland Innovation and Investment Summit

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.38 am): My government will be hosting the inaugural Advance Queensland Innovation and Investment Summit in Brisbane next month. The summit, from 27 to 29 April, promises to put a global spotlight on Queensland innovation. It will continue the momentum around engaging Queensland business and industry in using innovation to grow and compete. It will be modelled on the successful North Queensland Economic Summit that my government hosted in Cairns late last year.

The summit is part of my government's determination to create new jobs beyond the mining boom. The State Infrastructure Plan demonstrates my government's commitment to build the infrastructure that we need to grow our economy and generate new jobs. We are determined to provide new jobs and opportunities for Queenslanders. The Advance Queensland agenda essentially prioritises investment in infrastructure, health, education and skills development, and our partnership with the private sector. Most importantly, the program will promote Queensland's innovation potential to an investment community and help investors find their next market-ready deal.

Mr SPEAKER: Before I call the Premier, I would ask members to take their private conversations outside the chamber.

Ms PALASZCZUK: The Advance Queensland Innovation and Investment Summit will continue the momentum of the Advance Queensland program, accelerating our innovation culture and taking Queensland innovation to the world. Next month's innovation and investment summit will also include a dedicated start-up festival to showcase the talent and potential of Queensland's entrepreneur community. The following keynote speakers are confirmed, with more to be announced in the lead-up to the summit: Sanoop Luke from Singapore, a leading content strategist for Google/YouTube in Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia; Bindi Karia from the United Kingdom, a former vice-president of Silicon Valley Bank and venture capital manager with Microsoft UK; Leanne Kemp, who is originally from Brisbane, will also be travelling from the United Kingdom—Leanne is founder and CEO of Everledger, a global digital ledger recording the origins of diamonds that is assisting to combat fraud in the diamond trade; Dr Nina Tandon from the United States, CEO and co-founder of EpiBone, the world's first company growing living bones for skeletal reconstruction; and Glen Giovannetti, who is Global Life Sciences Sector Leader for Ernst & Young, is also attending from the United States. There will also be a range of innovators and entrepreneurs, including Professor Ian Frazer, Don Meij, Dr Justin Wong, Wayne Denning and, of course, our very own Wayne Gerrard.

The combination of global and local experts will ensure the summit showcases the latest thinking and technologies. Importantly, it will give local innovators and entrepreneurs the opportunity to build new networks and partnerships and identify new business opportunities and new jobs for Queensland.