



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (2.06 pm): As promised, my government is determined to restore hope and opportunity. We are determined to create jobs and new opportunities for Queenslanders. The National Disability Insurance Agency's first market position statement for Queensland shows that the NDIS will create even more jobs in the disability sector than first estimated. It is now expected that the NDIS will create up to 36,000 full-time-equivalent jobs by 2019 in the disability sector right across the state of Queensland, an increase from the original projection of 13,000. This is a massive boost for Queensland and the provision of disability services support to more than 90,000 Queenslanders, and I commend the Minister for Disability Services for her outstanding work in this area. I also acknowledge the work of Bill Shorten to provide the initial national political momentum for the National Disability Insurance Scheme in this nation.

In terms of jobs, I recently had the pleasure to turn the first sod on the Aveo Group's \$1 billion retirement village in Springfield. The development includes 2,500 retirement villas and will create more than 5,000 jobs. Yesterday the health minister and I welcomed Sigma Pharmaceuticals' \$65 million distribution centre, and last week the tourism minister confirmed that China Eastern Airlines would increase its services from Shanghai to Brisbane to daily flights from this December. These additional flights will bring more tourists, more jobs and more opportunities for Queenslanders.

My government's record on jobs stands in stark contrast to that of the LNP and the Leader of the Opposition. Since the last election more than 60,000 jobs have been created in Queensland. When Labor left office in 2012, Queensland's unemployment rate was 5.5 per cent. By the election in January 2015 the unemployment rate had increased to 6.6 per cent under the LNP. Queensland's unemployment rate has stabilised to around six per cent. My government has more work to do, but I am proud of the work that we have already done. My government knows the dignity of work, and we are striving to create more opportunities for Queenslanders right across this state to get into work.