



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.40 am): The failure of the previous government to prepare Queensland for the transition beyond the mining and LNG construction boom was its failure. It will not be the failure of my government. That is why we have been determined to target new jobs and new industries for Queensland. Our commitment to promote innovation, deliver infrastructure and attract investment is in stark contrast to the LNP's approach. Where we have created jobs, the LNP cost jobs and cut services. An additional 51,000 Queenslanders are in work now than was the case at last year's election. There are more jobs coming. Over the last week my government confirmed thousands of new direct and indirect jobs for Queenslanders. The Star Entertainment Group—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** They do not want to hear it. The Star Entertainment Group has launched public consultation on a new tower at Jupiters and a proposed multibillion dollar master plan that proposes to be a development larger than Queen's Wharf in Brisbane. There is the return of 150 jobs through the reopening of Isaac Plains coalmine in Central Queensland—well done, Minister Anthony Lynham; the approval of the \$347 million expansion of the Sunshine Coast Airport; and the launch of a campaign to employ an additional 1,000 staff to help prepare for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games—well done, Minister Hinchliffe.

The new \$45 million GrainCorp Oils liquid storage tank facility at the port of Brisbane has the capacity to hold 20 million litres of petrol and 25 million litres of diesel. This facility secures the supply of fuel to Freedom Fuels' outlets across Queensland. It is a welcome addition to infrastructure at the port of Brisbane and very good news for Queensland.

The recent attraction of an advanced biofuels pilot plant to Gladstone from a New South Wales based company is testament to our work to entice businesses and jobs from interstate. In fact, we have seen private sector investment worth more than \$17 billion supporting more than 70,000 jobs announced since February last year. This includes the Brisbane cruise ship terminal, \$100 million and 300 jobs; the North East Gas Interconnector Pipeline, \$800 million and 600 jobs; the Clare Solar Farm, \$400 million and 200 jobs; SunCentral Maroochydore, \$350 million and 20,000 jobs; and the Amrun bauxite project, \$2.6 billion and 1,100 jobs.

The budget to be delivered by the Treasurer in three weeks time will be focused on jobs. This deliberate focus on jobs will ensure we boost employment prospects in our state of Queensland, but it also gives us the reach to go after jobs beyond our borders. We are a low-tax state, we have skilled people and we are determined to see our economy grow.