



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**


**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.38 am): Just over 18 months ago the people of Queensland chose a better way for Queensland. They had given the LNP three years to prove that their style of government is what Queensland needed. They rejected that style and embraced a better way—a more consultative style of government that delivers hope and opportunity without the fights and the arrogance. Already we have implemented 336 election commitments. We have done this in consultation with Queenslanders, taking them with us in the journey. Our jobs agenda has given opportunity and confidence to Queenslanders in the face of tough economic conditions through a \$40 billion Capital Works Program, the first State Infrastructure Plan in three years, the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiatives and our new Back to Work program for the regions. These are just some of the job-generating projects we have embarked upon.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members, I am listening to the Premier's ministerial statement. I ask you to allow her to make it in silence.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** Through our Accelerated Works Program, we committed to fast-tracking \$367 million in shovel-ready projects to accelerate more than 800 jobs for North Queensland and have boosted school maintenance funding by \$300 million, bringing the total investment to \$763 million over the next four years. We have worked closely with the private sector with more than \$22 billion in private sector investment announcements that will support over 76,000 jobs. In fact, Queensland is leading the nation when it comes to business confidence.

We have also delivered on our promise to diversify our economy with our nation-leading, \$405 million Advance Queensland innovation agenda. We have ensured Queensland stays at the front of the pack when it comes to tackling the impact of domestic and family violence, we have restored fairness to the workplace and our legal system, and we have put a premium on protecting the Great Barrier Reef.

As we promised we would do, we have restored many of the cuts made to front-line services, especially in health and education. In the last financial year alone, we have employed an additional 1,940 nurses, 651 doctors, 479 health professionals, 940 teachers and teacher aides, 300 police, 54 paramedics and 44 firefighters. These are just some of our achievements over the last 18 months.

We know that there is more work to do, but we are determined to do it. We will work day and night to deliver what we promised—a better way for Queensland.