




Speech By
Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk

MEMBER FOR INALA

Record of Proceedings, 1 September 2016

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

New Industries

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.38 am): I want Queensland to be the home of new industries because new industries means new jobs for the future. A key focus of my government has been working with researchers, business and industry to identify those industries that can tap into Queensland's potential.

As this House would know, a brand new biofutures industry is a key passion of mine because of the jobs and economic opportunities it will bring to our state. My innovation minister has been working tirelessly to push our Advance Queensland agenda—our broad, economy-wide policy platform that is designed to foster Queensland's research base and promote the development of new ideas, products and services. Ultimately the goal is to diversify Queensland's economy. If we can do that, Queenslanders will be able to gain employment in our traditional sectors like resources, tourism and agriculture, while having newer industries that provide new job opportunities right across our state.

I know that Queensland can be the home of new industries and new jobs. Why? Because we have done it before. It was a Labor government that ushered in the world-first LNG industry. This was a massive undertaking. It took the vision to work with the private sector to identify the opportunity. It took the patience and determination to develop the new technology. It took widespread consultation to develop the framework and put in place the strictest environmental controls in the world.

Today we can say that Queensland gas is powering the development of Asia. So far we have seen billions of dollars in exports shipped from Gladstone to ports in Korea, China and Japan. It is these exports that help deliver the nation-leading economic growth forecasts for Queensland. That demand means jobs are generated here and royalties and taxes are delivered to the Queensland and Australian governments. These taxes are ploughed back into things our communities need such as schools, roads, hospitals, police, new paramedics and new nurses. The money is used to fund services and infrastructure across Queensland, from Cairns to Coolangatta. That is because all of Queensland owns that resource so all of Queensland should benefit.

It is clear that only Queensland has the capacity and commitment to develop new industries. In the last 24 hours I have noted that the Victorian government will seek a permanent ban on onshore gas exploration. I have a lot of respect for Premier Andrews, but I do not agree with him in this instance. Where science is unproven and the risk is too great, of course action needs to be taken. We have done so when it comes to underground coal gasification. I put on the record that the LNG industry in Queensland has my government's support and, I believe, the bipartisan support of the LNP. Queensland is an export economy. We look out to the world to do business.