




Speech By
Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk

MEMBER FOR INALA

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Trump, President-Elect of the United States

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.37 am): We will continue to work with our partners and the people of the United States. There is too much at stake not to.

Mr Langbroek interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Surfers Paradise, you are warned under standing order 252.

Mr Langbroek interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: That is a reflection on the chair. You are warned under standing order 253A.

Mr LANGBROEK: Mr Speaker, I apologise.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you.

Ms PALASZCZUK: Major US companies already invest in Queensland, including in our LNG sector, and I want to see more of that. We are also working closely with the US Navy on a biofuels industry—something that will prove mutually beneficial for decades to come. We have forged strong partnerships with the Hollywood studios and Silicon Valley. We have established sister-state relationships with Texas and South Carolina.

In June, I met with Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper to forge closer relations between our governments and our businesses particularly in the fields of renewable energy, innovation and mining technology. In August, Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval and I signed an agreement between our states to progress cooperation across key industries and opportunities. The key industries our agreement focused on include mining, including mining technologies, health and safety and environmental and social sustainability in mining; higher education, including research and commercialisation partnerships; water management, including collaboration on water efficiency technologies; and technology and innovation, including pathways for market access for start-ups and established technology companies.

The US election campaign saw both presidential candidates put forward their views on a range of issues. There is no doubt in my mind that, on many of those issues, many Queenslanders, including me hold different views from those held by Mr Trump. For me, the personal views I hold, especially on equality and fairness, will not and will never be compromised. Queensland is an active player in a global market. We have been a willing partner of the US for over 70 years. Like all leaders hoping for shared prosperity and global stability, I wish President-Elect Trump and his incoming administration well. Donald Trump has said that he will be a president for all of America. We hope he delivers on that promise because a united, strong America can mean more opportunities for partnerships, investment and jobs for Queenslanders.