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GoMA Turns 10

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (10.17 am): Tomorrow marks 10 years to the day since the Gallery of Modern Art, GoMA, opened its doors, heralding a new chapter in Queensland's cultural life. Almost seven million visitors have passed through these doors since 2006, with more than \$60 million injected into our economy from tourists drawn here by the blockbuster exhibition series alone. Queenslanders have truly enjoyed the best of the world's contemporary art on our doorstep. International visitors have been United States President Barack Obama, tennis great Roger Federer and singer Katy Perry to name a few. Exhibitions over the decade have celebrated legends such as Picasso, Warhol and Matisse, as well as contemporary superstars such as David Lynch, Cindy Sherman and Valentino.

My government supports the gallery with \$32.2 million in operational funding per year, with an additional \$1.7 allocated for the GoMA Turns 10 exhibition and activities. My government recently committed an extra \$10.8 million over four years to support a new series of blockbuster exhibitions, ensuring the gallery's next 10 years will be just as impressive. The Australian exclusive *Marvel: Creating the Cinematic Universe*, due to open in 2017, is the first exhibition to receive support from this investment. I would like to put on record my thanks to the team at QAGoMA. Congratulations and thank you to Chris Saines and the board, along with the wonderful team at GoMA. Your passion for the arts is one of the reasons we are able to celebrate 10 years of GoMA.