



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR SANDGATE**

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 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (10.25 am): Having just heard a suggestion that the troops are restless, I think I know where the Shakespearian quote about protesting too much should lie. The Palaszczuk government is creating jobs now and into the future. The trends are clear. More jobs are being created and more people are being encouraged into the workforce. The economic policies of this government are delivering more jobs and higher confidence. Queensland's jobs growth is the strongest in the nation. Jobs are being created on our watch and the watch of the Treasurer. The great work that he and the whole team are doing is guiding our economy. In 12 months, 71,000 new jobs have been added to our economy. That eclipses by a mile what we saw happen under the previous government. We went backwards! People are joining our workforce and joining it with confidence. That strong jobs growth has encouraged even more Queenslanders into the workforce, which is a good thing. In my portfolio of the Commonwealth Games alone, we are supporting some 30,000 jobs. We are rolling out a \$2 billion injection into Queensland over the life of the games project.

This government is getting on with the job. Even when economic headwinds of change are blowing, we remain strong. We are taking things forward for the state. We are providing confidence and support to ensure that we see jobs growth and a reinjection of people into the workforce. Under this government, there is a strong pipeline of investment of almost \$2 billion in recently approved infrastructure projects. In the portfolio of transport, we are preparing for the future after the malaise of the former government. Where Campbell Newman and the LNP fought, we build. They had an absolute deficit in terms of projects. All they could deliver were the projects started under previous governments, except maybe for 1 William Street, which is a vanity project. We are delivering projects such as the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 and duplicating the Helensvale to Coomera heavy rail. Projects to provide next generation trains were started by Labor and are being delivered by Labor. The Palaszczuk government is working hard to deliver cross-river rail to end the political impasse that has gone on for too long. We need to build a public transport culture and great infrastructure needs to be a part of that. The population across Queensland, particularly South-East Queensland, is growing rapidly. We need to respond to that, and we are doing it with a government that is focused on jobs and economic opportunity, not on taking things backwards.