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Port of Brisbane

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (8.42 pm): The Port of Brisbane is not only a major employment hub; it is also a great local corporate citizen, supporting not only the bayside but all of Queensland. The port is home to around 70 businesses, supporting thousands of Queensland jobs. Not only is the Port of Brisbane providing family friendly employment to local families, it is also an economic enabler for Queensland.

The port of Brisbane is located in my electorate of Lytton. The port is a major industrial precinct for everything from oil to cement to gas. Today I was delighted to be with the Premier, the Treasurer, the Minister for Tourism, Mr Jerry Maycock and Mr Roy Cummins for the Port of Brisbane's announcement of the construction of the \$158 million investment in the Brisbane international cruise terminal—what an investment.

The Port of Brisbane will now be a major player in the South-East Queensland tourism industry through the construction of the mega cruise ship terminal at Luggage Point, with site preparation due to start next month. The cruise ship terminal will serve as a catalyst to supercharge growth in our tourism sector and related industries and generate jobs now and into the future. The port is Queensland's major import and export hub, including for the world-class agricultural products from out west. Approximately \$50 billion of international trade is handled through the port every year. Trade is continuing to grow, and the Port of Brisbane is investing in infrastructure and innovation to prepare the port for the future.

The port is spending \$110 million to upgrade port roads, well ahead of capacity demand, for safety and efficiency. This is a great investment and a commitment to Queensland and the Queensland economy. It is making sure our capital city port can continue to grow and maintain its competitiveness and productivity. This major road project is supporting on average 390 jobs during construction. Not only is it supporting Queensland construction jobs, it is also supporting Queensland led innovation in the sector.

As part of the road project, in September the Port of Brisbane placed Australia's longest pre-stressed bridge girders as part of the bridge duplication. Spanning 46 metres, these girders are a great example of local innovation. This was a truly Queensland undertaking, with the girders being designed locally, manufactured in Beaudesert and placed by a Queensland construction company. This required a major multistakeholder transport plan, including TMR, QPS, Port of Brisbane and others.

Queensland is setting the pace when it comes to road engineering, design and construction, and Port of Brisbane's work is proof of this. The port's commitment today to the new mega international cruise ship terminal is further proof of its commitment to Queensland.

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