



Speech By  
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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

**Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, Legacy**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.47 am): During the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Queensland and the Gold Coast will be showcased on the world stage, but the games will be more than showcasing thrilling sporting achievement. The Commonwealth Games is about making sure that Queensland and the Gold Coast reap the long-term economic benefits of hosting this significant event.

The Gold Coast health and knowledge precinct is a prime example of this legacy being actioned. It is a unique 200-hectare site that incorporates the Parklands priority development area, which is already home to world-class research and allied medical facilities employing almost 10,000 people, and is also home to almost 20,000 students. The completion of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games will bring forward an exciting new stage for the precinct. The Commonwealth Games athletes village will be transformed into a vibrant \$550 million mixed-use community, where residents can live, work and learn in the city's largest ever urban renewal project. This project will incorporate a permanent residential community, with 1,252 dwellings that will comprise a mix of apartments and townhouses, with a 5,700-square-metre retail precinct and green landscaped spaces built around a village heart. Temporary games buildings may also be repurposed as innovation and incubation spaces. Economic Development Queensland is already in negotiation with two investors that will enable over \$70 million of construction work to commence after the games.

In addition, negotiations are taking place with Griffith University, which is proposing to develop an advanced design and prototyping technology building within the precinct. This knowledge based industry attraction and growth is critical to the city, region and state's long-term economic sustainability and will provide a valuable skilled labour force.

Once fully developed, the Gold Coast health and knowledge precinct is expected to inject \$2.9 billion into the local economy and employ up to 26,000 people. Supported by \$5 billion in infrastructure, including a world-class university and two major hospitals, the precinct will ensure a job-creating legacy for Queensland.