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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.43 am): The Palaszczuk government is creating the jobs of the future through a new bioenergy industry for Queensland. Just this morning I addressed a meeting of key participants in the aviation biofuels sector as part of Bioenergy Australia's Bioenergy STRONG Conference. At this meeting representatives of airlines, fuel distributors and sustainable fuel producers all came together to discuss the exciting future of this industry.

As members will know, our state recently claimed a place on the world stage in this sector with a successful trial of biojet fuel. Brisbane stands alongside a very select group of world airports including Los Angeles, Oslo, Stockholm, Geneva and Chicago after jet fuel derived from sugars blended with traditional aviation fuel was used to power 195 domestic and international flights flying more than 430,000 kilometres. The success of the trial demonstrates that sustainable aviation biofuel can simply 'drop in' to Brisbane Airport's refuelling system. This positions Queensland as a world leader for biojet deployment and brings confidence to the industry about a future for aviation biofuels. Our vision is that in the not-too-distant future passengers will be able to fly from Brisbane to Los Angeles on a completely carbon neutral journey with biojet supplied from a Queensland refinery.

The successful trial was conducted with partners Virgin Australia, the Brisbane Airport Corporation, US based biofuel producer Gevo Inc. and supply chain partners Caltex and DB Schenker. We are paving the way to a viable, long-term market for locally produced biojet fuels in Queensland, opening up enormous opportunities for industry, employment and our economy. Many of these opportunities involve the high-value, knowledge-based jobs that we are so keen to create in Queensland, many of which will be in regional parts of our state. The supply chain runs from farmers supplying biomass in the form of waste from agricultural processes to the biorefineries turning this waste into bioenergy through to civil and defence aviation customers who are seeking biojet fuel. For Queensland and the aviation biofuels sector, the sky is the limit.