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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.49 am): ‘Queensland made’—they are two simple words, but they mean a lot for our state. That is the policy we took to the people of Queensland at the last state election—a policy designed to protect and create manufacturing jobs. It was a plan that was roundly endorsed by the people and it is a policy that we are delivering. It means more jobs, secure jobs and higher paying jobs, because that is what manufacturing offers. That is what Queenslanders are getting.

Last night the Premier and I hosted a reception for companies and industry stakeholders from around Queensland as well as trade unions and peak business and industry bodies like the Australian Industry Group and the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland—

Ms Palaszczuk: Hear, hear—working together.

Mr DICK:—to update them on how that policy is rolling out—as the Premier said, everyone working together to deliver for Queensland.

We gave them good news. Our policy is working. Manufacturing in our state is growing. Some 179,000 Queenslanders now work in the manufacturing sector in our state—an increase of almost 10 per cent from when we commenced implementation. This growth has been supported by our government’s clear policy. We are out with expressions of interest for \$70 million for round 4 of Building our Regions, delivering the economic infrastructure to regional Queensland to support jobs. We have boosted Made in Queensland by \$20 million. We are working with communities, industry and unions in Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns to scope new manufacturing hubs. There is more to come.

We know that industrial land means jobs, and we are acting for regional Queensland. That is why we have declared the new Cairns South State Development Area, opening the Far North to the prospect of more industrial development and the opportunities for advanced manufacturing jobs. We are powering up the Townsville State Development Area, with the Coordinator-General acquiring 810 hectares of land in the state development area at Stuart. We have put out a new development scheme for the Bundaberg State Development Area—not just great news for Bundaberg but even better news for export businesses on the Fraser Coast and surrounding areas. We have seen projects come in the door for hydrogen, ammonia, meat processing, food processing, recycling, brewing, defence industries and aerospace.

Our government is supporting companies that are investing in Queensland because they know that the Palaszczuk Labor government has a plan for manufacturing and a plan for jobs, both now and in the future.