




Speech By
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Works for Queensland

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs) (10.03 am): Jobs are the No. 1 priority of the Palaszczuk government. That is exactly what our Works for Queensland program is helping to deliver. This outstanding program is already supporting more than 10,000 jobs, as reported by local councils—all of them in regional Queensland. Not only that, Works for Queensland is also delivering new and improved infrastructure in communities throughout the state.

We are partnering with local councils to deliver shovel ready projects that boost local economies and result in fantastic new facilities for residents and visitors. Like the \$2.4 million revitalisation of the historic gold mining centre of Mount Morgan—a project that has breathed new life into this iconic Queensland town. The streetscape features impressive harbours replicating the Tree of Knowledge along with refurbished cultural icons. It also includes the relocation of overhead powerlines and fully rebuilt amenities, which will be fantastic assets for the community and make a great first impression with visitors. I note that the member for Mirani is nodding.

Make no mistake, Works for Queensland is delivering exceptional results in regional Queensland in terms of jobs, infrastructure and economic investment. The number of jobs will continue to grow, as we ramp up our investment in regional Queensland. All up, there is \$600 million being invested in the regions thanks to Works for Queensland.

From an all-abilities park in Gladstone to a major foreshore redevelopment on Palm Island and a beautification project for the Tara town centre, Works for Queensland is delivering great results for jobseekers and communities in regional Queensland. These benefits will continue to grow as our increased investment rolls out into regional communities throughout the state. Works for Queensland also delivers on one of our key election commitments to create and support jobs. That is what the Palaszczuk government is all about, and that is what Works for Queensland is delivering.