




Speech By
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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.47 am): In 2015 the Palaszczuk Labor government was elected to build the Queensland economy of the future and create more jobs. That is exactly what we are doing. In the portfolio of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, we are delivering on our plans to transform our economy through our industry road maps in six key areas: advanced manufacturing, aerospace, biofutures, biomedical, defence and METS—mining equipment technology and services. These road maps are delivering for Queensland, particularly regional Queenslanders.

Last month I was proud to join the member for Maryborough in his electorate at the sixth generation family owned business Hyne Timber to turn the first sod on a purpose-built factory that will allow Hyne to expand its glue-laminated timber business into large-scale production. Our government supported Hyne Timber through our Jobs and Regional Growth Fund and they are on track to become one of the largest glue-laminated timber manufacturers in the Southern Hemisphere. Most importantly of all, this new plant will create jobs. Eighty jobs will be created during construction with 42 more jobs for Maryborough and the Wide Bay once the plant is operational.

Our biofutures road map is also delivering more jobs to Gladstone, with a new pilot biorefinery as reported in this morning's Gladstone *Observer* and on ABC Radio. Thirty jobs will be created during the biorefinery's three-month operational period which will see jet fuel and diesel produced from agricultural and forestry waste. Should it be successful, the pilot plant will be the foundation for a demonstration biorefinery which could attract a combined investment of \$11 million and create an estimated 50 jobs. The company operating this pilot plant, Mercurius, will be looking at other sites in regional Queensland for biorefinery investment including Mackay.

Our aerospace roadmap is also delivering for Queensland—most recently in Bundaberg. Last month, I was pleased to announce that the Palaszczuk government will contribute almost \$2 million from the Building our Regions program towards the Bundaberg regional aviation and aerospace precinct which will not only improve airport safety but unlock significant business and job opportunities in Bundaberg. I was delighted to join the Mayor of Bundaberg, Jack Dempsey, for that important announcement.

An opposition member: A good man.

Mr DICK: Well, Jack Dempsey knows that Labor delivers for Bundaberg. That is one thing Jack Dempsey knows. I am also pleased to say—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Thank you, members.

Mr DICK: I am thankful for that contribution from the member opposite because Labor delivers for regional Queensland. I am also pleased to report to the House that this will be—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Members, I am having difficulty hearing the minister. Can you please keep your interjections to an absolute minimum? In fact, if you could not interject, it would be extremely helpful.

Mr DICK: There is more good news for Queensland. I am very pleased to announce that this investment will help deliver a new Aeromedical Centre of Excellence for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and LifeFlight in Bundaberg. Regional employment will be the winner again from this project, delivering 15 construction jobs. What it really means is that, wherever Queenslanders live, the Palaszczuk government is putting people first and we are delivering jobs for Queensland.