



Speech By  
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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Aerospace Industry**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.56 am): Queensland is Australia's home of aerospace excellence. In Melbourne this week a contingent of Queensland businesses, supported by Defence Jobs Queensland, took the annual Avalon air show by storm. Ours is a state that leads today in the capabilities that both the defence and civilian aerospace markets will need tomorrow. We are home to experts in robotics and trusted autonomous systems, as evidenced by the establishment in Queensland of both the Defence Cooperative Research Centre for Trusted Autonomous Systems and Boeing's largest autonomous systems project outside the United States.

Queensland is also taking Australia into space. Last November I had the privilege of being invited by Logan based Black Sky Aerospace to press the launch button on Australia's first commercial suborbital rocket. The Deloitte report into the Queensland space industry which I released last weekend concludes that Queensland's space industry could contribute up to \$6 billion to our economy and add between 4,000 and 6,000 jobs by 2036.

Queensland is a leader in other areas—pilot training, hypersonics and advanced helicopter assembly, testing and maintenance amongst them. It is our aerospace manufacturing and maintenance, repair and overhaul sectors that are the beating heart of the industry here in Queensland. These businesses alone generated around \$1.2 billion in revenue in 2015-16 and employed more than 4,200 people. They continue to expand by securing lucrative contracts. With the first F-35 Joint Strike Fighters now in Australia and with more on the way, Queensland businesses in the JSF supply chain, like Heat Treatment Australia, TAE Aerospace, L3 Micreo and Ferra Engineering, are getting very busy indeed.

Next year the world's aerospace leaders will come to Queensland, with Brisbane hosting the inaugural MRO Australasia event in March 2020. MRO Australasia, secured by our government, is the largest annual conference and exhibition in our region dedicated to the \$28 billion aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul market. All of this activity is supported by the Queensland Aerospace 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan, the Palaszczuk government's blueprint for growing this important sector of our economy. It is part of our goal to create an economy that is sustainable, diverse and inclusive for all Queenslanders.