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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (6.22 pm): I am delighted to rise in the House tonight both as the Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning and also as the proud member for Woodridge to voice my support for more defence industry jobs for Queensland. Earlier this week the Premier and I were delighted to host the first ever Invested in Defence showcase here at the Queensland parliament. The event provided an opportunity for small and medium sized Queensland businesses like EM Solutions, EPE, Praesidium Global, Insitu Pacific, Steyr Motors, Craig International Ballistics, Simjet, PFI and RF Design to not only showcase their products before members of the House but to network with defence industry leaders.

The government was also delighted to welcome to the event Queensland representatives from some of the biggest defence and manufacturing companies in the world including Boeing Defence, Boeing Phantom Works, Airbus, Varley Group, Rheinmetall, Northrop Grumman, Volvo, Raytheon, Sikorsky and Thales. Our goal as a government is for a prosperous and thriving Queensland and there are a number of actions we are initiating to support local defence industry businesses. Our government has established an advisory council on defence industry and jobs supported by North and South Queensland advisory boards. We support Queensland businesses through our \$105 million Advance Queensland Industry Attraction Fund, our \$40 million Made in Queensland initiative and our Jobs and Regional Growth Fund.

We have developed 10-year road maps and action plans in defence industries, aerospace and advanced manufacturing. Later this year we will announce two defence hubs to guide and support small to medium sized businesses, to enhance market preparedness and to allow businesses to access national and global defence market opportunities. Working together, we are growing jobs and growing and diversifying Queensland's industrial base.

When I first campaigned for election as the state member for Woodridge I made a pledge to the community that I would work as hard as I could to deliver better public health care, improved schools and more jobs for our local community. In my community there are some amazing and talented young people in particular who can aspire to a career in defence and aerospace industries and also in manufacturing. I want to recognise the great work of local schools in supporting vocational education and training as well as supporting the delivery of science, technology, engineering and maths curriculum. I speak of schools such as Marsden State High School, Mabel Park State High School and Woodridge State High School to name just a few. We have an emerging array of industrial job offerings in my community, including some located at the Crestmead industrial estate.

There is always more work to be done, but we are heading in the right direction. Growing advanced manufacturing and defence industries is just another way I am working to deliver more jobs and more opportunity for the people of Woodridge.