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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (2.00 pm): I rise to inform the House that Queensland's independent Coordinator-General, Mr Barry Broe, will be stepping down from his role this week. The Coordinator-General is one of the most senior officials in the Queensland Public Service with a wide range of powers to independently assess and balance the pressures of economic growth, environmental sustainability and the social impacts of development. Mr Broe has been in this role for seven years, with his current term of appointment due to expire in November of this year. Last week Mr Broe informed me that he would not be seeking reappointment and that he has decided to step down from his role this week. Members of the House who know or who have worked with Mr Broe would not be surprised that he is always keen to get ahead of schedule.

I want to acknowledge Mr Broe's focus on efficiency and delivery of major projects. I know he is particularly proud that he and his team in the Office of the Coordinator-General, who I also acknowledge this afternoon, made 918 statutory decisions during Mr Broe's time as Coordinator-General. During that time, the Coordinator-General approved 33 major projects representing a capital investment of more than \$90 billion with the potential to create more than 90,000 Queensland jobs. This includes major projects across resources, tourism, renewable energy, transport and agriculture. Of particular note is his work in assisting our government to create the unique Strong and Sustainable Resource Communities Act 2017 which is designed to ensure that communities near large resource projects benefit from the construction and operation of those projects. Its implementation so far is benefiting 269 regional communities across Queensland.

I also want to place on record my thanks to Mr Broe for his many years of service, most recently in my portfolio. We will now proceed to commence a recruitment process to appoint a new Coordinator-General. In the interim, the director-general of the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning will act in the role of Coordinator-General.